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Jobless rise adds to economic gloom

Hopes of strong recovery hit by triple blow

By Anatole Kaletsky and Ross Tieman

PROSPECTS for a strong economic recovery were hit from three directions yesterday, when record July unemployment figures were quickly followed by a rise in Germany's key interest rates and a sombre assessment of the economy from the Bank of England.

The jobless figures showed the biggest July increase since the second world war, with 2.37 million out of work, and there was further gloom with a report showing mortgage repossessions running at 200 homes a day.

The number of unemployed rose by 126,521, or by 67,800 when adjusted to take into account seasonal factors such as the many students and school leavers joining the labour market. These figures represented not only the biggest increase for the July since 1945, but also the biggest rise since January 1986. Over the past year, the average monthly increase has been 61,300, and in June it was 59,000, prompting hopes that the worst of the recession was past.

In the financial markets, however, the unemployment statistics were overshadowed by the Bundesbank announcement that it was increasing the key lombard interest rate by a quarter of a point to 9.25 per cent. That was slightly less than expected, but the mark still firmed against most other currencies against the pound. The move limits Britain's room for manoeuvre within the European exchange-rate mechanism, so that while a half-point cut in home interest rates is still possible when the Chancellor deems the time is right, further reductions are less likely.

The Bank of England's quarterly bulletin also suggested that further interest rates cuts might be possible, but noted that it would take up to two years for the economic effects to be felt in full. The bank said that even if the decline in Britain's economic output were now over, no rapid upturn was likely. The economy was merely "bumping along the bottom". Economic growth strong enough to start reducing unemployment was unlikely to until next year or 1993.

The bigger-than-expected increase in the jobless figures reinforced predictions that the total out of work could reach 2.75 million by the end of the year, and increased doubts about the timing of the economic recovery. However, some economist cautioned against pessimistic interpretations of the figures, noting that unemployment responded to past development in the economy and gave no clue to future trends. The stock market, which yesterday hit another new record, suggested that a recovery, albeit perhaps a weak one, was definitely in prospect. They added that the July retail sales figures to be published on Monday would give a better indication of the state of the economy, than the backward-looking unemployment statistics.

Mortgage lenders continued to look forward with pessimism, however, and said that they expected a further sharp increase in the number of homes being repossessed during the second half of the year. The Council of Mortgage Lenders reported that 36,610 borrowers lost their homes in the first six months of this year, a third more than the previous six months. The number of people between six and twelve months in arrears with their repayments also increased by a third, to 162,210, and the number more than a year behind went up by two-thirds to 59,690.

Mark Boléat, director general of the council, said that with the housing market still flat and employment rising, more repossessions were certain over the rest of the year.

Rising unemployment does, however, appear to be cutting pay deals and industrial action. The annual increase in average earnings fell by a quarter of a point to 8.25 per cent. The number of days lost to industrial stoppages was the lowest since 1929.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said the figures provided further evidence that the worst of the recession is over, but Labour's employment spokesman, Tony Blair, said the rise exposed "foolish false optimism" among government ministers. "We now have the fastest rising unemployment in Europe, the lowest growth and the swiftest falling investment and output," he said.

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I'm not too keen on shared ownership either
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Momentum slows on hostages' deal

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

LEBANON's leading Shia Muslim cleric said yesterday that he ruled out the release of more Western hostages for at least two weeks and urged those holding missing Israeli servicemen to provide information so the momentum achieved by the release of John McCarthy and Edward Tracy was not lost.

Sheikh Muhammad Shamseddin, who heads the Shia Islamic Higher Council in Lebanon, described as "over-optimistic" reports that the release of more was imminent. "I believe there is no hope for any hostage release in the coming two or three weeks, although I hope I'm wrong," he said.

The sheikh also denied reports that two German aid workers, Heinrich Struebig and Thomas Kemptner, would be left out of the deal the United Nations secretary-general is trying to arrange. Some Shia sources in Lebanon say they will not be freed until Germany releases the Hamadi brothers, jailed for hijacking, murder and abduction.

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Saved from the sea: a survivor from the oilpipe-laying barge pleading for help yesterday from a rescue helicopter

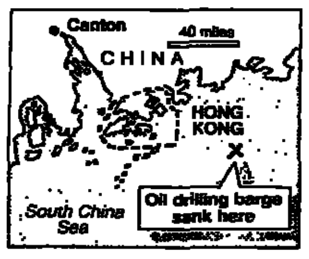
Race to save Britons trapped under sea

From Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong

AT LEAST two British divers were thought to be among four men trapped hundreds of feet below the shark-infested waters of the South China Sea as undersea rescue experts raced to renew oxygen in their capsule before it ran out at 11.00 BST last night.

Hopes for their survival were dwindling as the hours ticked by and the huge seas whipped up by Typhoon Fred continued to hamper the search and rescue operation mounted yesterday morning after the oilpipe-laying barge DB29 flooded and sank.

Diving rescue experts from Singapore arrived late in the evening, but other survivors said they feared that the divers, reportedly Britons Terry Dennison and Steve Hardy and two others, were too deep to be reached in time. Some reports said there was another Briton trapped, together with a New Zealander.



Twelve members of the barge's 195-man crew died in the disaster and more than 20 are still missing. Four other Britons on the barge were rescued. Most of the crew jumped to the relative safety of the sea, some of them leaping 60ft from the upturned deck, as the barge capsized and sank in less than three minutes. But fellow diver John Kent, aged 47, of Devon, said there had been no time to save the men still locked in the barge's decompression chamber.

Throughout the day, helicopters and Royal Navy patrol vessels based in Hong Kong searched among 40ft waves for the rest of the crew, winching survivors from the water. Some of the missing crew were driven miles from their colleagues by the ferocity of the storm.

Most of the men on the barge had undergone survival training, but few were prepared for the reality of the typhoon. Some panicked as the storm worsened, and by the end of the afternoon sharks attracted by the smell of blood spread terror among the small groups of men floundering in the water. Men

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Boeing to check 1,777 aircraft

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

AIRLINES around the world are to be asked by Boeing to inspect the electrical controls on thrust reversers of 1,777 operational jets, including 162 in Britain, in an attempt to discover the cause of the Lauda Air crash in Thailand in which 223 people died.

The tests will take place during routine maintenance and jets will not be grounded. Experts from Boeing have spent the past three months trying to discover why an engine on the 767 jet suddenly went into reverse, causing the aircraft to turn on to its back and break up. They have been baffled both by the initial deployment of the reversers and by the crew's inability to overcome the problem.

Originally tests were confined to 767 jets powered by Pratt and Whitney 4060 engines. Now, however, Boeing engineers in Seattle have widen the search for clues by asking all customers to inspect the reversers in later versions of the 737, 747, 757 and other 767 jets in the hope of opening up a new line of enquiry.

Airlines are being asked to examine every part of the electrical system which governs the reversers to look for signs of chafing in the wiring, possible lack of correct earthing or any other slight malfunctions. It is thought possible that a tiny fault could, when linked to a series of others, have triggered the reverser of the Lauda Air jet.

Families seek enquiry

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

PRESSURE for a full public enquiry into the sinking of the pleasure boat Marchioness in August 1989, in which 51 people died, mounted yesterday after the belated publication of the report into the causes of the disaster.

Relatives of those who died have threatened to sue the transport department. They were told last night by the government that they would be offered the chance to meet Malcolm Rifkind, transport minister. After publication of the report, solicitors for the victims' families had demanded an enquiry into the way the department handled safety issues and the accident investigation.

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Rapist used Colditz tricks to escape

*An enquiry found that a Broadmoor breakout rivalled wartime prisoner exploits, **Jill Sherman** reports*

Multiple child rapist James Saunders escaped from Broadmoor high security hospital like a prisoner from Colditz, using a hacksaw, a box with a false bottom, a tube of toothpaste and a rope fashioned out of tablecloths and a torn sheet.

As details of the escape of the man known as "wolf man" were revealed yesterday, the government appointed Joy Kinsley as director of security to prevent similar embarrassing breaches in Britain's three top security hospitals.

On July 20, Saunders, aged 23, escaped from a shower room, having spent a number of evening shower sessions sawing through inch-thick iron bars. He camouflaged the blade marks by using toothpaste. An enquiry report, by General Sir Charles Huxtable, a former commander-in-chief of UK land forces, tells how Saunders had stolen a hacksaw blade, two jig-saw blades and a £10 note from a staff office, where he was allowed to make tea and toast on a Baby Belling while working in the carpentry shop.

He had concealed the hacksaw blade, broken in two, in a false bottom of the wooden box he had been working on.

Saunders was able to saw through the bars as the dormitory radio and television were turned up to full volume. He also managed to steal three tablecloths from a linen cupboard, which he used with his bed sheet, torn in two, to make an escape rope.

"On Saturday night at the usual time he had his shower, finished sawing through and removing the bar, and placed the rope in the shower room. He then lay on his bed with a

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Royal bones take the last train to eternity

By Alan Hamilton
and Ian Murray

Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here."

WE HAVE left dear Will alone since he was laid to rest in Stratford-upon-Avon parish church in 1616 beneath the above words. Some mainland Europeans, however, seem to have a passion for digging up the distinguished departed and redepositing them in a better 'ole.

Today the royal house of Hohenzollern disturbs the eternal rest of its two most illustrious ancestors, Frederick Wilhelm I, the soldier king, and Frederick II the Great, and sends them on a 50mph steam train journey to be reburied in their palace of Sanssouci in Potsdam with singular honour, thereby rekindling in many minds the notions of German nationalism and militarism. In their endless night of immortality, the Fredericks have been allowed only fitful sleep. Buried initially in the garrison church of the Prussian Guard at Potsdam, the two dead kings had to suffer the indignity of Hitler proclaiming the Third Reich by their graves.

During the war Goering, fearful of allied air raids, had them moved to a bunker. As the allies closed in on Berlin in 1945, the coffins were hidden in a potash mine at Heiligenstadt, where they were found by American troops and shipped west. Since 1952 they have lain in the Hohenzollern castle of Burg Hechingen near Stuttgart.

Mainland Europeans are fonder of shifting bones about than are the British. Napoleon had not been in his unnamed grave on St Helena 20 years when the government of Louis-Philippe ordered his remains back to Paris for majestic reburial in Les Invalides. Parts of Mussolini were moved about after his death.

Imre Nagy, Hungarian prime minister during the 1956 Soviet invasion, was removed only two years ago from the unmarked grave in which the KGB had dumped him after executing him, and rehabilitated in a proper tomb in Budapest. Gracie Fields, regarded by most of Rochdale as royalty, had to repose in a temporary tomb on Capri until a grand white marble sepulchre was erected for her.

In Britain we are not so keen on disturbing our dead monarchy, although there are exceptions. Edward the Martyr, murdered while visiting his brother at Corfe Castle in 978 and buried without honour at Wareham, was later moved to Shaftesbury. Henry V had a fit of remorse over Richard II, initially dumped in a hole at Kings Langley after his imprisonment at Pontefract — possibly because he introduced poll tax in 1381 — but now, thanks to his successor, reposing in Westminster Abbey.

Mary Queen of Scots was not allowed to rest in peace after her execution at Fortheringhay Castle. After five months she was reburied in Peterborough, but when her son James VI took the English as well as the Scottish throne, he had a majestic tomb erected for her in the Henry VII chapel in Westminster Abbey.

There is, in the circumstances, a lot to be said for pyramids.

Blest be the man that spares
these stones,
And curst be he that moves my bones.

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Mortgage lending

Repossessions and serious arrears reach record levels

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 200 homes a day were repossessed in the first six months of this year from owners unable to keep up mortgage payments as the number of repossessions and mortgages in serious arrears reached new record levels.

Figures published by the Council of Mortgage Lenders yesterday showed that lenders took 36,610 dwellings into possession from January to June, an increase of a third on the 27,330 of the previous six months and not far short of the 1990 total of 43,890.

The number of loans six to 12 months in arrears at the end of June was also up by a third compared with December, having risen to 162,210 from 123,110, while loans over 12 months in arrears amounted to 59,690 at the end of June compared with 36,100 six months earlier, a rise of nearly two thirds.

Mark Boléat, the director-general of the council, which represents building societies, banks and centralised lenders responsible for over 90 per cent of mortgages, said the "disappointing" figures were further evidence of the extent of the recession in housing.

Mr Boléat said there was some encouragement from the fact that the rate of increase of possessions in the first half of the year had slowed down, and that lenders were reporting a reduction in new arrears cases. "Nevertheless, 1991 will clearly be a very bad year for arrears and possessions, and there is likely to be a higher level of possessions in the second half," he said.

The outlook for next year depended on interest rates and unemployment. If a cut in interest brought confidence, the figures could decline quickly, but if a return of confidence were prevented by rising unemployment and uncertainty before a general election, they would stay high.

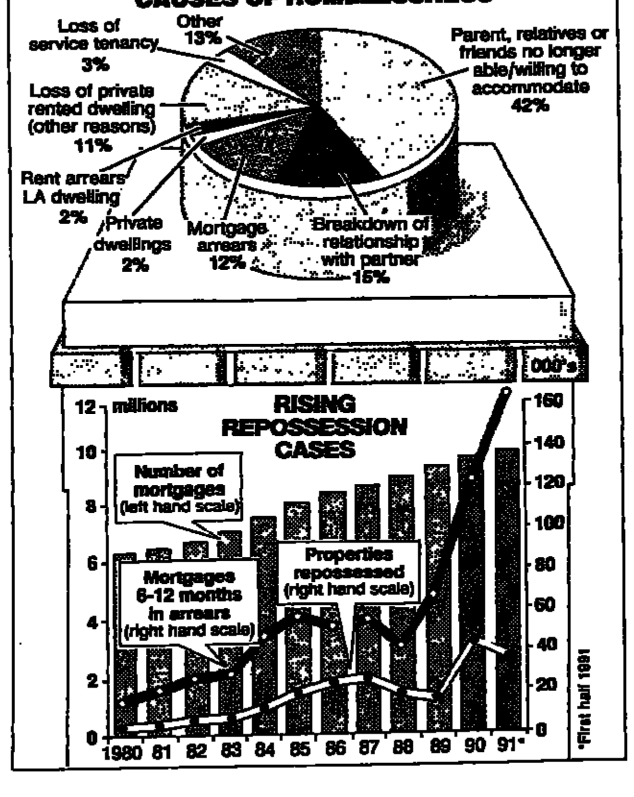
The large rise in long-term arrears was mainly due to lenders "nursing" borrowers through a period of high interest rates and letting them continue paying what they could afford instead repossessing the property, the council said.

Although having mortgage arrears is only third among causes of homelessness, behind losing a home with parents or friends and relationship breakdown, it is becoming more important, with the proportion rising from 8 per cent to 12 per cent in the past year.

Although interest rates have fallen from 15.4 per cent last October to just under 12 per cent, the housing market has yet to benefit, mainly due to the sharp rise in unemployment. One result of the lack of confidence in the housing market is that fewer people are prepared to buy and sell, and the decline in turnover — the 109,000 transactions in May gave the lowest May figure for ten years — has increased repossessions and arrears because borrowers in difficulty with repayments are, the council says, finding it harder to buy a cheaper home or go into rented accommodation.

Between 1988 and 1989, there was a significant rise, from a third to a half, in the proportion of possessions made without court proceedings as borrowers handed their keys to the lender, possibly in the mistaken belief that they were no longer liable for repayments. In the first half of this year, this proportion fell to 45 per cent, slightly down, but still above normal.

In the first six months of the year, lenders sold 19,000 repossessed homes, and at the end of June held some 53,000, with an average value of £50,000-£60,000, a sizeable slice of the residential market.



Councils step in with share scheme

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

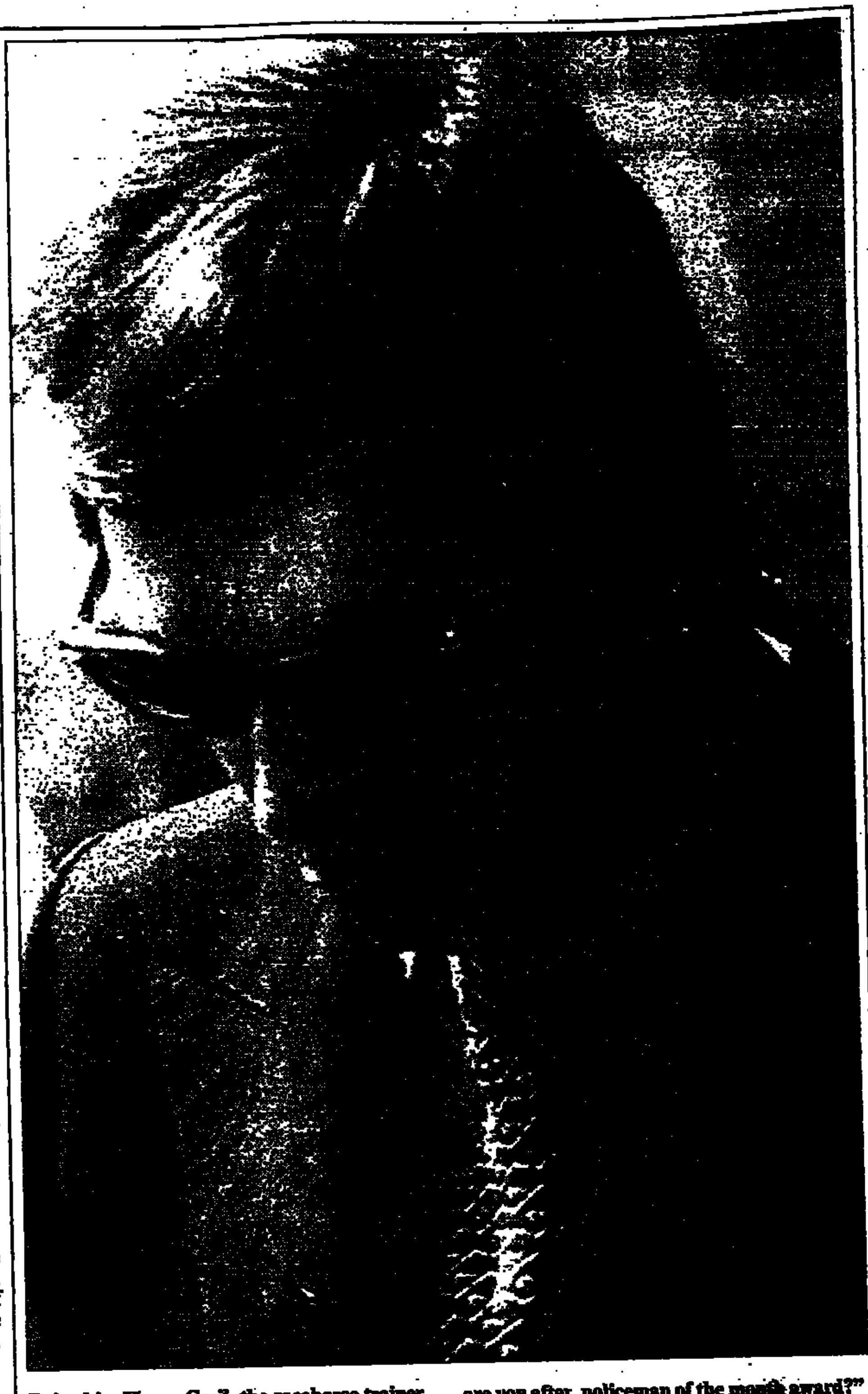
LOCAL councils have emerged as the unlikely rescuers of families facing eviction by building societies. As mortgage repossessions reach record levels a large number of councils have stepped in to buy the homes of families facing homelessness.

Although only three councils have formal mortgage rescue schemes many more have acted to keep families, the disabled and elderly people in their own homes rather than face the much higher costs of rehousing them. Some have gone into partnership with housing associations and all use the shared ownership system where the householder retains ownership of at least part of the home.

Shortage of funds and an unwillingness to open the floodgates have led councils to restrict the schemes to people who would have a priority housing need if they lost their homes. Usually this means families with young children, the disabled and the elderly. Mortgage rescue schemes are already operated by the London borough of Bromley, the West Yorkshire borough of Calderdale and the Mole Valley council in Surrey, and similar schemes are planned by Rochdale, Greenwich and Newham.

Jed Walsh, of Yorkshire Metropolitan Housing Association, which operates the Calderdale scheme, said it was only open to people whose mortgages accounted for less than 70 per cent of the value of their homes. The housing association bought the mortgage lender's share of the property and charged a rent based on £1.20 for every £1,000 that the association had invested in the house.

At any time the householder could increase his or her share in their home by buying back more of the equity and the scheme provided a "staircase" for gradual repurchase. Mr Walsh added that receipts from householders would be used to help buy other properties from those facing repossession.



Reined in: Henry Cecil, the racehorse trainer, who was banned from driving for a year yesterday after magistrates in Newmarket, Suffolk, heard that he was stopped by police when taking an unnamed woman home in the early hours of the morning. He was told the police had information that he had been drinking. On the way to the police station, Cecil turned to a patrolman and asked: "What are you after, policeman of the month award?" Cecil, aged 48, champion trainer nine times in the past 13 years, admitted drink-driving on July 10. Tests showed 62mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood against the legal limit of 35mg. He was fined £300 and ordered to pay £50 towards prosecution costs. Jeremy Richardson, for the defence, said there had been no complaints about Cecil's speed or driving.

Ex-UDR man shot in front of family

A FORMER part-time soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment was shot dead in front of his wife and two young children yesterday in another sectarian killing in Northern Ireland.

The man, named as Ronnie Finlay, of Victoria Bridge, Co Tyrone, was shot at close range as his wife dropped him off for work at an isolated farm a few miles away, near Sion Mills.

Mr Finlay, a farm labourer, had just left his car and was walking towards the farmhouse when the gunmen opened fire from the windows of the building. He was hit several times and died instantly. His wife and his children, aged one and nine, remained in the car. They were uninjured.

Four years ago, the IRA shot dead Mr Finlay's brother Winston, a policeman in the RUC reserve, at Magherafelt, Co Londonderry. Mr Finlay quit the UDR less than a year later.

The gunmen had cut the telephone lines to the farm before taking it over and tying up the farmer and his family.

The killers fled in the farmer's car, which was later found abandoned three miles away, a few hundred yards from the border with the Irish Republic, the RUC said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, although the attack bore all the hallmarks of an IRA killing.

Mr Finlay was the fourth person to be murdered in attacks in the past week — all but one of them in the northwest of Northern Ireland.

£160m goes missing

John Bourne, the public spending watchdog, reprimanded the employment department yesterday for failing to explain what happened to £160 million paid into training schemes for the unemployed. He said agents and managers had been overpaid by £30 million. The department has a £2 billion budget for projects for 244,000 long-term unemployed and 521,000 youth trainees. He said his estimates were based on a sample of 36 training managers and 57 managing agents who had been contracted to run the schemes.

Guns found

Police divers working on a drugs inquiry have so far not found a firearm believed to have been thrown into the Thames from Hammersmith Bridge, west London. In the course of three days' diving, however, they have recovered four other weapons, three revolvers and a shotgun. Although rusty and thought to have been in the river for more than 12 months, the guns are not antiques.

Ruling on MP

The High Court will rule today on whether Terry Fields, the Labour MP jailed for failing to pay his poll tax, should be freed on bail after serving more than half his 60-day sentence. His lawyers yesterday asked for a judicial review of Sefton borough council's action against the MP and challenged the Home Office's claim that imprisoned poll tax defaulters are not eligible for remission.

Jail break blame rejected by Baker

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, firmly rejected yesterday Labour claims that he had irresponsibly ignored warnings about security weaknesses at Brixton prison, from which two IRA suspects escaped.

In a further sign of his confidence that he has weathered the storm over the Brixton escape, Mr Baker wrote an open letter to Roy Hattersley, his Opposition shadow, in which he dismissed Labour allegations that he had been partly to blame for the break-out and again refused to set up a public enquiry.

He also rejected calls for the independent report into the escape to be published in full, saying that Judge Stephen Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons who headed the investigation, had strongly advised against this course. "I do not believe that any home secretary in receipt of this advice would have come to any other conclusion," he said.

Mr Baker, who last weekend stated he had no intention of resigning over the affair, said the Home Office had complied with a recommendation made by Judge Tumim last year that the department should re-examine its policy of holding the most escape-prone prisoners at Brixton.

A decision was taken to relocate all so-called category A, high-risk inmates in a self-contained unit within Belmarsh jail, a new prison in southeast London. But, in line with normal practice, officials agreed that lower risk prisoners should be moved into the jail first.

"The task of holding high risk category A inmates is extremely demanding and could not be the first task for a brand new establishment," Mr Baker said. After Nessan Quinlivan and Pearse McAuley had escaped, the opening of Belmarsh's specail unit was brought forward.

It is understood that Judge Tumim feels the Home Office responded adequately to his criticisms about security at the Victorian-built jail, in spite of the fact that officials rejected at least two specific, confidential recommendations.

In a series of letters sent to Mr Baker over the past few weeks, Mr Hattersley has claimed that the home secretary should have done more to see that security was tightened at the jail, although he does not think the minister should resign.

Struggle looms for Short

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

AT THE end of the first time control in the World Chess championship quarter-finals in Brussels, Nigel Short, of Britain, was still battling against his Soviet opponent Boris Gelfand.

Artur Yusupov (Soviet Union) drew in 35 moves against his compatriot Vassily Ivanchuk. The score in that match is now 2-2. Anatoly Karpov, the former world champion, broke through after three drawn games to defeat Viswanathan Anand (India) in 43 moves. Karpov leads 2½-1½. Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Jan Timman (Netherlands) drew after 43 moves. Timman leads 3-1.

White, Gelfand; Black, Short.

White	Black		
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2 c4	e6	23 Ra1	Kf8
3 Nc3	Nf6	24 Be1	Nd7
4 Nf3	Nbd7	25 Bf2	R5c6
5 Bg5	Be7	26 Ne2	Ne5
6 E3	0-0	27 Nd4	Rd6
7 Rc1	Re8	28 h3	Nc6
8 Bd3	dxc4	29 Nxc6	Rdxc6
9 Bxc4	c5	30 Kh1	R6c7
10 0-0	a6	31 Bd4	Bb5
11 a4	Nb6	32 Bc3	g6
12 Bb3	cxd4	33 Rd2	Ke8
13 Qxd4	Qxd4	34 f4	Kf8
14 Nxd4	Bd7	35 Rad1	Rxc3
15 a5	Nc8	36 bxc3	Rxc3
16 Rfd1	Nd6	37 Ba2	Ra3
17 f3	Rac8	38 f5	exf5
18 E4	Rc5	39 exf5	gxf5
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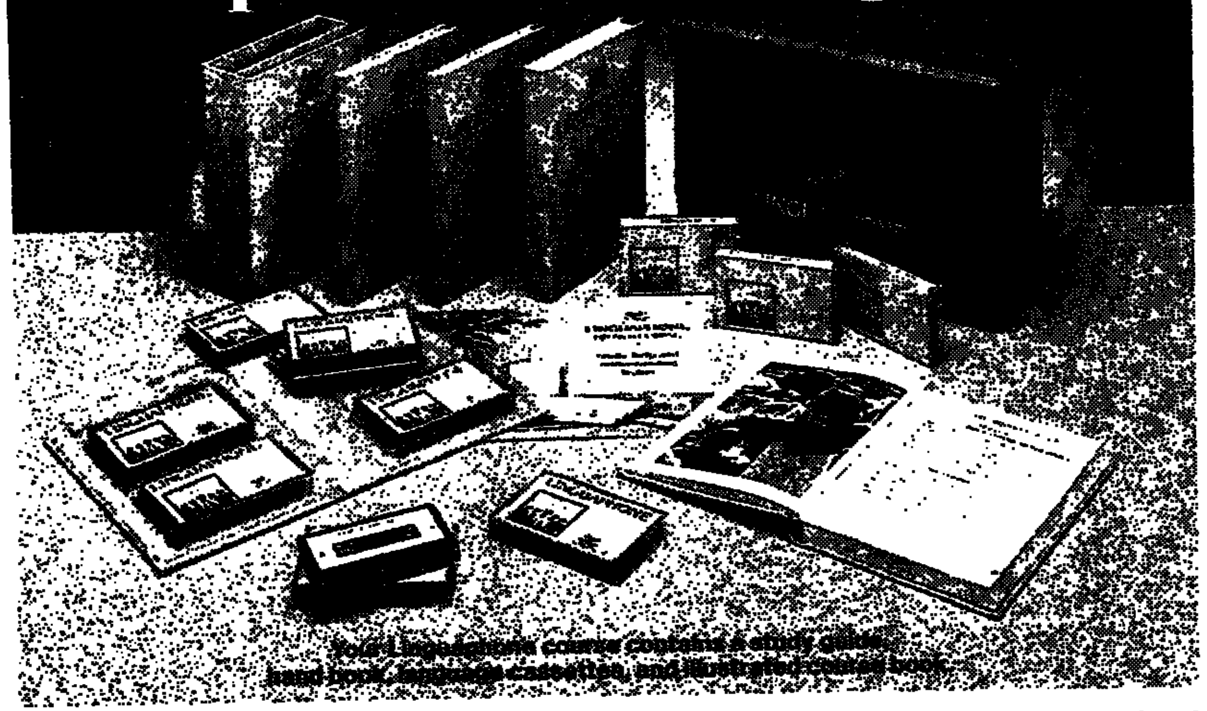
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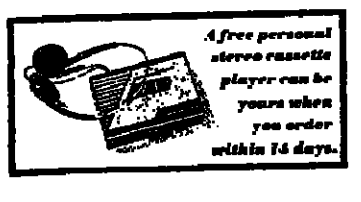
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Roses are blue, violets may be red

By JOE JOSEPH

SCIENTISTS in Australia say they can produce the world's first pure blue rose within two years, ending centuries of fruitless cross-breeding by traditional rose growers.

The first flowers will be flown to Japan, where there is a yearning for roses that grow bright blue straight from the ground, rather than being stood with their stem in an inkwell for an hour. That yearning could put a price tag of £50 on each bloom. Suntory, the Japanese drinks company, has helped to finance the research in Australia.

Market research apparently shows that "blue is the world's favourite colour", says Edwina Cornish, of Calgene Pacific, the American biotechnology company in Melbourne that has been pursuing the perfect blue rose for four years.

"People really want blue roses," she says. "People are driven by novelty. They are always looking for something different." Dr Cornish says she has little time for the poetic symbolism of roses. "We intend marketing the blue rose as a rare, exclusive product. What is sentimental about a share of a cut flower market worth £15 billion a year?" Roses account for about a quarter of that turnover.

Turning blue: how one of the roses will look

Conventional cross-breeding offers no hope of blue roses, only purply ones. The key to Calgene Pacific's research, which has also been funded by a grant from the Victoria state government, lies in the humble petunia. Genetic engineering has isolated a petunia gene that can be transferred to roses to turn them blue. Dr Cornish will implant the petunia gene in red and pink roses.

White roses, according to Dr Cornish, are "entirely lacking in the pigment production pathway. We might have to do some fine-tuning to get the optimum blue. But we're on the downhill run".

It will be 1993 before the Australian scientists start commercial trials of their new discovery. Dr Cornish and her researchers will then be free to exploit further the public's passion for novelty by producing, perhaps, candy-striped roses. And there is still no black tulip.

Harry Jansen, a Dutch tulip expert, says: "There has never been a proper black tulip produced, although growers have tried for years. There is a tulip called *Tulip Noir*. It's very, very dark, but it's got a blueish tinge. There is *The Sultan*. That also has a blue tinge. There's *Queen of the Night*. That's something like the *Tulip Noir*. Nobody would ever call it black.

"Nobody knows why it's so difficult. You can try cross-breeding them. You can try cross-pollinating them. It never works."

The blue roses might not be allowed to go on sale in Britain, where it is usually illegal to release genetically altered plants. Anyway, British biotechnology experts have already decided that Britons have more prosaic tastes. At Advanced Technologies, a biotechnology firm in Cambridge, they are trying to perfect a genetically improved potato.

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Racing driver is jailed for gas attack on taxi driver

By Michael Horsnell

BERTRAND Gachot, a French grand prix racing driver, was jailed for 18 months yesterday for spraying CS gas into the face of a London taxi driver after a minor road accident.

Gachot, aged 28, appeared shocked by the sentence at Southwark crown court and gestured helplessly as he murmured: "For nothing."

The sentence would mean an end to his career and financial ruin, the court was told.

Robert Grey, defending, said Gachot had borrowed a large sum of money from a Belgian bank to join the Jordan-Ford Formula One team. He was repaying this through sponsorship, but he still owed £250,000.

"The effect on him of going immediately to prison will be that the bank will require repayment," Mr Grey said: "Sponsors will lose faith in him. He will face ruin."

Gachot is ranked 11th in the world and was having his most successful Formula One season. In June, he also won the prestigious Le Mans 24-hour endurance race.

Mr Grey added that his client had never been in trouble with police.

Gachot was driving a red Alpha Romeo owned by his girlfriend as he jockeyed for position at Hyde Park Corner with the taxi driven by Eric Court, aged 48, on December 10 last year.

Gachot hit the back of the taxi when Mr Court braked. Neither vehicle was damaged, but an argument followed in which Gachot sprayed the "paralyser" gas into Mr Court's face.

Gachot, who denied assault causing actual bodily harm but admitted possessing a prohibited weapon, hid the cannister in a lavatory cistern of a building near by.

The jury took three hours and 50 minutes to reach their verdict.

Judge Butler told him: "The possession of a CS gas cannister is a serious offence. When you use it, as you did on the streets of London, to spray into the face of a man who, I am satisfied, had offered you at most minimal violence, the only possible course I can take is an immediate custodial sentence."

He sentenced Gachot to 18 months in jail for the assault, and six months for possession of a prohibited weapon. The sentences run concurrently. He was ordered to pay £500 in compensation to Mr Court and prosecution costs of up to £500.

After the hearing Frederick Rodgers, Gachot's solicitor, said his client intended to appeal. He added: "Gachot was stunned — everyone was stunned.Eighteen months is unbelievable."

Gachot told reporters while waiting for the verdict: "A CS teargas is only temporary. It causes less harm than a punch; a punch can injure you permanently. I knew the affects of the cannister would clear up in a short while. I am not an aggressive person."

Gachot said he bought the cannister after an attack on his cousin and gave it to his girlfriend to carry in her car. "In France it is legal to carry one, I am sure," he said.

It was "stupid" to put the can in the toilet cistern after the argument, but he added: "Some of the gas went in my face and I wanted to get it out of my eyes." He said he had asked a receptionist at the building to call police.

Paul Pearson: cause of death not announced

Body of missing boy found in ravine

By Peter Davenport

THE body of Paul Pearson, aged seven, missing overnight since leaving a friend's house to ride home on his bicycle, was discovered yesterday at the bottom of a ravine. Police said they were treating the death as suspicious but would not confirm that the investigation was a murder enquiry.

The body was found by a walker in a dried stream half a mile from his home at Marske in Cleveland. Police had previously searched the area but had not found anything in the dark. Paul was reported missing on Wednesday night after he failed to arrive back from visiting a friend in Saltburn, less than a mile away. He and his family moved to the house only three weeks ago from their previous home in Thornaby.

The discovery came as Paul's mother, Julie Pearson, was appealing at a police press conference for public help to trace her missing son. Last night a post-mortem and forensic tests were being carried out to establish the cause of death.

Detectives investigating the murder last weekend of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, near her home at Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, were in touch with Cleveland police yesterday to discuss any links between the two cases. She too disappeared while out riding her bicycle and was later found, battered to death and sexually assaulted, hidden in a children's den less than a quarter of a mile from her home.

Yesterday West Yorkshire police said they wanted to trace a man who had been seen loitering near by.

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Open championship: Ruth Bates, left, aged 11, of Richmond upon Thames, plays Rosalind Kieran, aged 8, of Bexley, south London, as the touring women's chess tournament crosses Westminster Bridge in its open-top double-decker bus

Baker is unmoved by killer's appeal

By Quentin Cowdry
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Office thinks there is no case for recommending to the Queen that she should give a royal pardon to a woman jailed for life for murdering her violent and drunken husband, it emerged yesterday.

Sources within the department said Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, has reacted stonily to the woman's appeal for her sentence to be quashed. Sara Thornton, who has been on hunger strike for the past fortnight, says that she will call off her fast if the request for a pardon is considered. She is taking liquids, including tea. Last night her condition was described as stable.

The department was surprised by the woman's request as pardons in serious criminal cases are only rarely considered and then only in the event of a conviction being called into doubt by strong new evidence. "A pardon is hardly appropriate in this case as she herself is not disputing she killed her husband," an official said. Last month the Court of Appeal rejected the woman's plea of provocation.

Thornton, aged 35, was moved earlier this week from Bullwood Hall prison in Essex to Holloway jail in London so that she could have access to full-time medical care.

Car sales boom is predicted

By A Staff Reporter

THE world vehicle market is on the verge of a boom that will see car and truck sales reach 74.7 million units a year within two decades, compared with 49.3 million a year now, according to a forecast from Euromotor Reports and Pemberton Associates.

It is forecast that car sales in Britain will jump from the 1.6 million anticipated this year to 2.7 million by 2010. The number of vehicles on UK roads, already some of the most congested in Europe, would rise from 25.2 million at present to 35.4 million.

The implications for the environment, especially the need to scrap more than 200,000 vehicles every day by 2010, are immense, the 386-page forecast says.

It also holds out a warning to UK motor manufacturers that they might not react quickly enough to the growing markets in Eastern Europe and might lose out to rivals. Already Volkswagen and Fiat have made inroads into the Soviet Union, forecast as one of the fastest expanding vehicle markets.

South Korea is pinpointed as the fastest growing market worldwide, where the present vehicle fleet of 2.3 million will "explode" to 24.8 million by 2010.

The main problem facing the motor industry, as well as governments worldwide, will be what to do with so many vehicles on the road, and how to handle those that are no longer roadworthy. The report says: "Deteriorating and inefficient vehicles, both on and off the world's highways, pose major risks for the future of road transport."

Co-author Max Pemberton estimates that there could now be as much raw material in existing vehicles as there is left in the ground to be extracted.

With worldwide sales of just under 75 million by 2010, about 55 million vehicles will need to be scrapped each year.

The report, titled *The World Vehicle Market Strategic Review and Forecast Data Book*, warns: "Failure to remove older cars and trucks from national fleets bars access to newer and safer, more fuel-efficient- and low-emission vehicles.

"The accelerated interest in recycling exhibited by the industry and by national governments in the early 1990s is by no means premature."

Detergent ads fall foul of watchdog

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

TWO laundry detergent makers have been censured by the Independent Television Commission for misleading viewers with false claims made in prime-time advertisements.

The commission upheld a complaint against a Bold Ultra commercial, which depicted a young boy paying £4 for a packet of the detergent, which in fact costs £4.45.

Persil Concentrate was also criticised for an advertisement which showed a heavily soiled rugby jersey being successfully washed with "one little scoopful" of the detergent. Both viewers who complained to the ITC about the commercial said instructions on the pack recommended the use of two scoopfuls for heavily soiled washing.

The commission also censured Malaysia Airlines for an advertisement showing services available only to first class passengers and wrongly leading viewers to believe that such services were available in economy. Meanwhile, a flight to Hong Kong advertised on Oracle Teletext by Flight bookers as being non-stop and only £499 was found by one complainant not to be available on enquiry. The offered alternative was via Bangkok and cost far more.

The commission also upheld a complaint against Carsearch 2000, which offered "free flights to Europe" if they had not sold a customer's car within 14 days. Carsearch was censured for omitting to mention that the free flights could be obtained only if 14 nights' accomodation at specified hotels had already been booked and paid for.

A commercial for British Sky Broadcasting featuring an imminent boxing match was also deemed misleading because it was not possible to obtain satellite dishes in time to watch the match.

The commission upheld nine out of a total of 167 complaints received in July.

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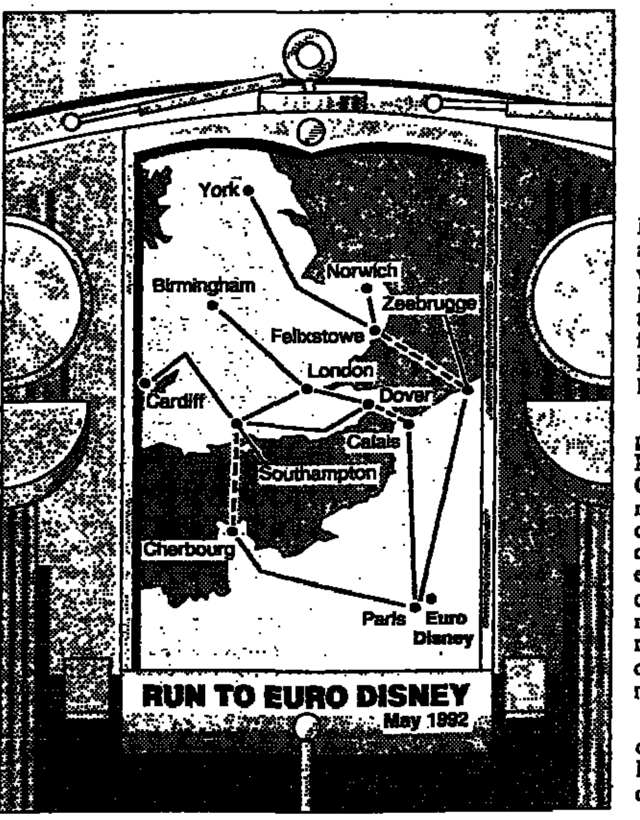

Car rally to attract classics

PLANS for the largest classic and vintage car rally in Europe were launched yesterday in London. The organisers aim to raise more than £500,000 for the Save the Children Fund during the event next May (Peter Victor writes).

A thousand cars are expected to leave Southampton, Norwich, Birmingham, York, Cardiff and London on May 9 next year, aiming to arrive just outside Paris the following day. Their crews will be expected to raise sponsorship of £1,000. "We hope that many classic car clubs will make this their major outing of the year," John Cole, the rally organiser, said.

The event, which will be open to all cars made before December 31, 1975, will include a treasure hunt.

Library move is stuck on the shelf

BY Simon Tait
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Library's tortured move into its new £450 million home in St Pancras, north London, has received another setback: the mechanical sliding shelves designed to hold at least ten million books do not work.

Engineers from the Property Services Agency, which still has responsibility for the equipment, and the makers, Bruynzeel of Holland, had barely corrected the fault which made the moving shelves jolt and shudder, spewing books on to the floor, than the system was beset by a new problem.

The 8ft high shelves no longer simply shudder, they become completely stuck. This latest hiccup has meant that moving the books, the most valuable and the most used of the 18 million volumes in the collection, has had to be delayed, and the contract with the movers deferred.

The move, which is so massive and complex that it is expected to take two years, was to have begun next month, but library officials say that no date is being fixed. They hope, however, that the move can start before the end of the year to meet a deadline of 1993 for the opening of the first phase.

The custom-built shelving was first tested and found to be faulty by library officials on their present Bloomsbury premises in May. Last month, with the fault corrected, more shelves were installed in the deepest basement of the new building, four levels and 82ft below the surface. Eventually there are to be 186 miles of these shelves, to accommodate not only the existing collection of books but its growth rate of half a metre of shelf space per working hour.

The move to St Pancras, which means the abandonmnent of the famous round reading room, has been bitterly opposed by formidable groups of users, including one led by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the chancellor of Oxford University, biographer and former politician, and another called the Regular Readers Group, led by Michael Foot and consisting mostly of writers and scholars. It complains that the shelving would be full before the new library was finally completed in 1996.

Brian Lang, the British library's new director, would not comment on the shelving problem yesterday as it was still the reponsibility of the Property Services Agency. The agency, however, said only that the cost and responsibility of replacing the faulty mechanical component had been accepted by the manufacturer. Work should begin next week.

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Signalling system for Thames recommended after Marchioness report blames 25-year malaise

Ministry rejects criticism over design of boats

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A KEY section of the report by the marine accidents investigation branch into the sinking of the Marchioness in August 1989 in which 51 people died was rejected as unjustified by the transport department last night .

The report, published yesterday, concluded that there was no wilful misconduct in either the Marchioness or Bowbelle contributing to the collision, the foundering or the loss of life in the Thames. "In as much as personal fault was responsible for the accident, that fault lies jointly with those in direct charge of the two vessels at the time, and with those responsible for both the perpetration and the acceptance of their faulty design. It is neither practicable nor desirable to identify every individual concerned as the faults go back over a period of 25 years."

The transport department rejected a section of the report which questions whether vessels with limited visibility, such as the Marchioness and the Bowbelle, ought to have been allowed to operate. The comments "made generalisations about design and an alleged malaise which are not justified by the facts", the department said. After reviewing earlier attempts to improve river safety, the report said: "All this begs the question as to whether designs such as that of the Marchioness, and equally Bowbelle, ought to have been allowed by the department in the first place. They ought not," the report said.

Although insisting that it would be difficult if not impossible to attach responsibility to any single individual for such shortcomings, the report said: "The fault was simply part of a malaise which for many years affected not just the department but the entire maritime community."

Transport officials yesterday insisted there was no dispute between the department and the Marine Accidents Investigation Branch over the facts, merely a difference of emphasis over their significance. But the refusal to accept the report's criticism is likely to fuel demands for a full public enquiry.

The report said that on the night of the disaster "neither vessel was aware of the other until it was too late to take effective avoiding action; and this was the main cause of the collision." In each vessel "the maintenance of a good lookout was seriously hampered as a result of design, so that visibility from the wheelhouse was seriously restricted: and in neither vessel were sufficient steps taken to overcome this difficulty."

The collision occurred after both vessels had passed through Southwark bridge on a parallel course on the approach to the central arches of the Cannon Street railway bridge. Had their courses been maintained the Bowbelle would have overtaken the Marchioness "close but safely," the report said.

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Putting a large portion of the blame for the disaster on the shoulders of Stephen Faldo, the skipper of the Marchioness, who died in the accident, and Douglas Henderson, the captain of the Bowbelle, the report said: "It is inescapable that those in charge of the navigation of both vessels must bear a large measure of responsibility."

The report added, however, that they share the blame "with those who provided them, in each vessel, with a conning position which was quite unsuitable. Their failure to overcome difficulties which, though great, were not insuperable followed partly from their own faults.".

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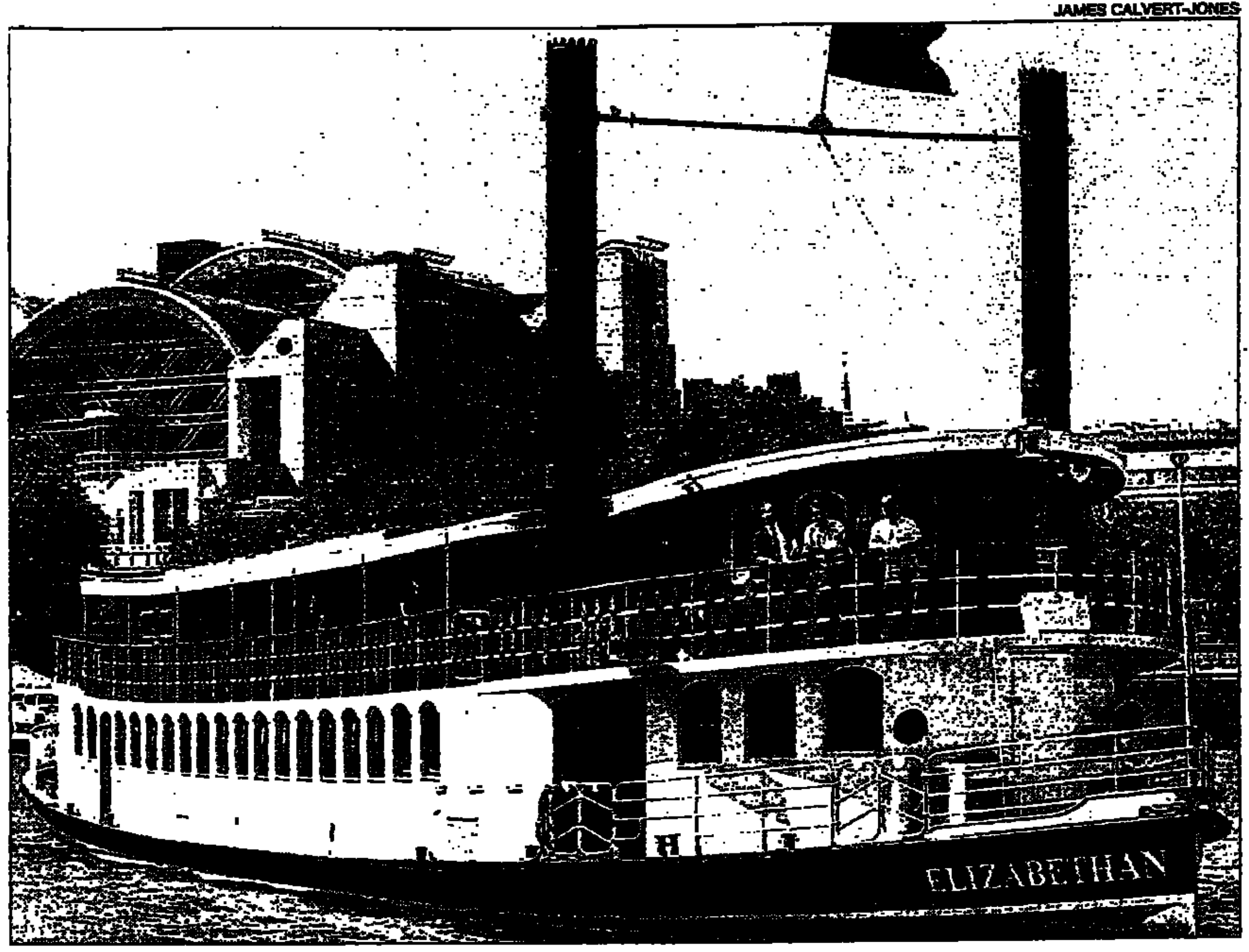


Thames traveller: the Elizabethan, one of the new breed of big pleasure cruisers, owned by the Virgin Group

Buck still stops with the skipper

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

LIFE on the Thames maintained its sedate pace yesterday with only the luminous orange boards now attached to the stern of all commercial boats indicating the regulatory clamp-down that followed the Marchioness disaster.

For skippers of the dozens of pleasure steamers and disco boats, the order, by the Port of London Authority, to put up the boards was virtually all that was new in the mountain of paperwork with which every organisation with any power over the river engulfed them in the months after the disaster, let alone in the official report published yesterday.

"Virtually all of it was common sense or regulations we had grown up with," said Alan Pettit, captain of the Elizabethan, a 324-ton pleasure boat owned by Richard Branson's Virgin Group that takes corporate clients on Thames trips. "The buck stops with the captain, and that means that I have got to be certain that everyone in my crew knows exactly where the emergency exits are, what to do in an emergency, how to operate the fire extinguishers and is generally capable of coping with any problems which might arise."

Problems, however, seldom arise. The loss of the Marchioness was the first major disaster on the river since 1890, and traffic is much lighter than it was then or at any time up to 1956, when the docks began to close.

Captain Pettit, like all commercial skippers is a qualified waterman, having learnt his trade during long years of getting to know the river, its moods, and rules on its use. "I was a lighterman on tugs running to and from the docks," he said. "The river was much busier then, when there were 7,000 of us going safely up and down at all hours of the day and night with tight schedules to keep. Now there are only about 30 lightermen, mainly carrying rubbish and drift wood for disposal. My old tug, the Mercedes, would regularly tow six barges carrying over 1,000 tons."

The Elizabethan, which he has captained since 1981, is one of the biggest of the new generation of river craft, capable of carrying 299 people, including a crew of 32, on day or night cruises. The upper deck disco has an automatic noise controller, fitted several years ago after residents on the banks complained of sleep being disturbed. The disco can hardly be heard in the wheelhouse, bristling with radios and high-technology equipment. The wheelhouse is almost on the bow, and telephones link the skipper with lookouts posted in the stern. There is no radar because all but the latest type would be useless on the Thames.

The 118ft boat can, with a high superstructure and a draught of only 5ft, be "a pig" in high winds. "It can bounce around at times like a polystyrene cup," said Captain Pettit, "but, touch wood, I have not been involved in anything other than slight bumps when coming alongside, which can happen to anyone."

Certainly, organisations that like Thames cruises for corporate hospitality have not been put off by the Marchioness disaster. British Airways, Cadbury Schweppes and the BBC are among those that pay up to £250 an hour to hire the boat, and up to £35 a head for catering and £125 for four hours of live or taped music.

"The main worry in the river today is not the commercial, licensed boat operators but the large number of small private boat owners who don't have to be licensed and some of whom frankly don't know what they are doing," said Captain Pettit. "Legislation to govern them is needed, but nothing is heard about that."

All safety measures in place by end of year

TWENTY of the 27 river safety recommendations made in the aftermath of the Marchioness sinking have been implemented, and the rest will be completed before January, the transport department said yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

The measures, recommended after the collision between the Bowbelle and the Marchioness in August 1989, in which 51 people died, would prevent a similar accident and improve safety, the marine accidents investigation branch (MAIB) said.

Pleasure boat skippers must now report the number of passengers on board and ensure they are told of safety procedures. Neither precaution was taken on the night the Marchioness went down.

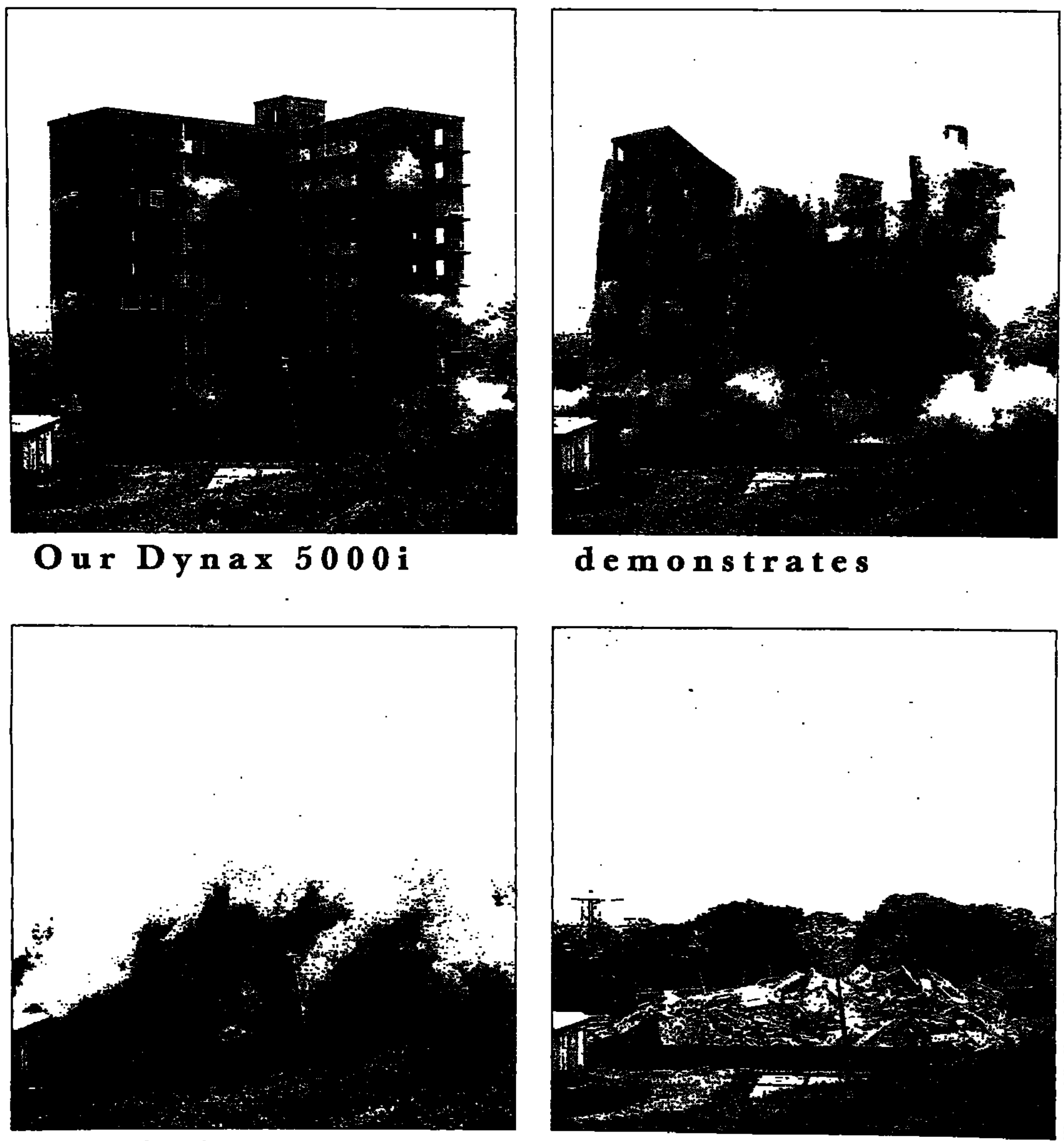
The tragedy underlined an urgent need to improve safety on the Thames. Because of this, the MAIB issued an interim report the following month with six suggestions to improve lookout procedures and river communications, and increase vessels' lighting at night.

Its final list of recommendations was published in July 1990. But transport officials refused to release the accompanying report, saying it might prejudice criminal proceedings against Douglas Henderson, captain of the Bowbelle. But the list pointed out the lax and inadequate safety procedures which are highlighted in the enquiry's then unpublished report.

In addition to a new mandatory requirement to have forward lookouts on vessels longer than 40 metres navigating the river above the Thames Barrier, passenger boats must be modified to ensure that noise levels in the wheelhouse, especially when a discotheque is in progress, do not obscure safety warnings. Provision must be made for music to be turned off when emergency safety announcements are made.

Port of London collision regulations, which require all vessels to keep as far as possible to starboard, must be strictly enforced, and a signalling system to control traffic through Thames bridges should be working by the end of the month.

The transport department was urged to, and has completed, a review of the design, stability and construction of river vessels, focusing on emergency procedures. Consultations on radical changes, including additional buoyancy and vessel subdivision with transverse bulkheads, are expected to be completed by December.



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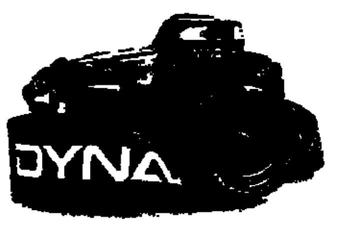

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Relatives of the boat victims yesterday (from left): Eileen Dallagalio, Margaret Lockwoodcroft, Madelaine Atherton, a survivor, and Barbara Davis

Protest at single-track route

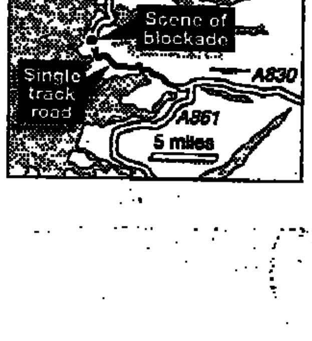
By KERRY GILL

THE patience of villagers on the west coast of Scotland finally snapped yesterday when they blockaded the only single-track trunk route in Britain, the "Road to the Isles" that runs from Fort William to the port of Mallaig.

After learning that the remaining single-track stretches of the A830 would not be upgraded until the end of the century, several hundred people held up a stream of traffic at Morar, helped by a fish-lorry tactically parked next to a level crossing. The protesters, all tired of what they claim to be more than 50 years of broken promises and delays by the government, were joined by the local minister.

As long ago as 1937, the government promised that all of the 46-mile road would be upgraded, but there are still four long stretches between Lochailort and Mallaig only with passing places. Many locals were angry that tourists could travel by train to Mallaig, while heavy lorries and local traffic were held up by the poor road. Sir Russell Johnston, the Liberal Democrat MP for Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber, said his first question on reaching Westminster in 1964 concerned improvements to the road. Yesterday he said: "I am still waiting for that answer from successive governments."

Motorists, most of whom grudgingly sympathised with the demonstrators, were handed leaflets and asked to sign a petition. They were asked if they would like to use the road if they were in an ambulance or had to take children to school. The point was not lost on the scores of Italian and German tourists used to motorways linking all their major towns and cities. Although Mallaig is little more than a village, it is a leading fishing port and the ferry terminal for Skye and other islands. Much of its income depends on tourism.



Michael Foxley, the local regional councillor, said: "We are angry and frustrated at the tardiness of the Scottish Office in completing the road." He called the blockade an "information checkpoint". "It is not quite a roadblock, but it has been aimed at driving home the message of the horrendous driving conditions the locals have to endure. This is only the beginning, and locals are prepared to take it further."

Morar was promised a dual-lane by-pass two years ago, but residents have been told that it will not be started until 1996 at the earliest and other sections will not be improved until the by-pass is completed.

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Radio group faces licence loss after funding flop

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE classical music consortium Classic FM could yet be awarded the coveted non-pop independent national radio licence, after its winning rival, Showtime Radio, announced yesterday that it had not raised enough funds to support its £1.75 million annual cash bid.

Showtime, which promised a mix of "easy listening" music from the stage, screen and concert hall, had been given until midnight tonight to provide the Radio Authority with evidence that it had raised the £16 million needed to secure its licence. Yesterday, it blamed summer holidays for its failure to find investors, and appealed to the Radio Authority to extend its deadline for four weeks.

If Radio Authority members turn down Showtime's request at a special meeting on Monday, the national FM licence will be awarded to Classic FM, the runner-up with a cash bid of £626,000.

But Classic FM, backed by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and André Previn, has been told by the authority that it must reconfirm, by 4pm today, the willingness of GWR Group, the West Country independent local radio contractor and Classic FM shareholder, to underwrite the £6 million financing.

No one at GWR was available for comment yesterday, with its chief executive, chairman and managing directors on holiday and uncontactable – even by Classic FM. But Peter Baldwin, the authority's chief executive, said: "Important people are never out of communication when they go on holiday. It is an important licence and people have to do what is necessary."

If Classic is awarded the licence, it will have six weeks to get its funding assurances in place before it can be declared the new winner.

A senior Classic FM source criticised the Radio Authority for giving the consortium only two days to contact GWR and said he feared a failure to do so would be used as an excuse to extend Showtime's deadline.

Clive Lindley, who helped write Showtime's application, said: "We're more frustrated than disappointed. I think the Radio Authority clearly understands our predicament, given the August holidays."

Radio industry sources and City analysts, however, dismissed Showtime's bid as economically unviable and said they were not surprised by its failure to attract investors. With a bid of £1.1 million more than its nearest rival, the station would not attract enough advertising revenue to break even, they said.

However, Mr Lindley said Showtime had been highly cautious in its business plan, projecting revenue of £5.5 million and a loss in the first year, but revenue of more than £40 million by 1998.

Newspaper headline misleading

A headline in *The Daily Mail* claiming that "the Queen is earning £1.8 million every day" was misleading and broke the newspaper industry's code of practice, the Press Complaints Commission ruled yesterday.

A front-page report, based on a survey in *Harpers & Queen*, on the world's 20 richest women, said that the Queen might be earning an estimated £1.8 million a day, but the headline had reported this as fact.

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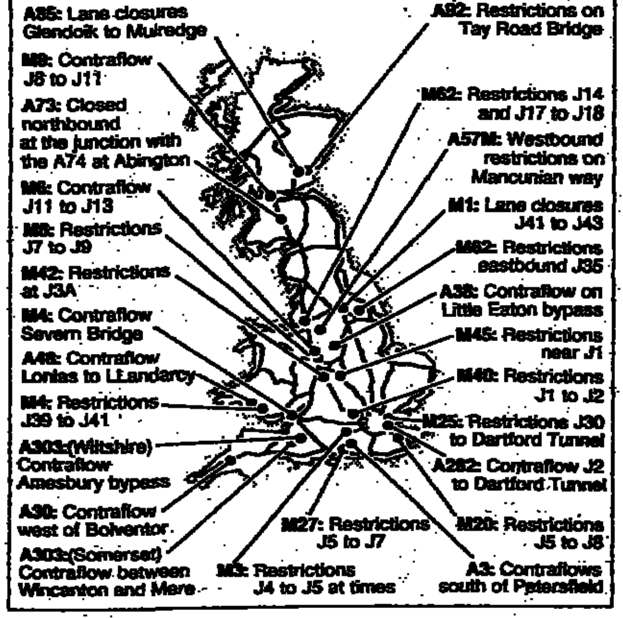
Name change

Residents at the block of flats where John McCarthy lived before he was taken hostage are to discuss whether it should be renamed in his honour. Camden council, north London, said it had no objections to the renaming of Cecil Rhodes House to John McCarthy House. In 1983, tenants forced Camden to drop plans to change the name to Mandela House because some councillors considered Cecil Rhodes, the pioneer of southern Africa, to be a racist.

Council visit

The controller of audit for Scotland is to visit the Western Isles council next week in connection with the council's financial situation and its loss of £23 million in the BCCI affair. Yesterday the council's policy and resources committee approved cuts of almost £2 million. Recommendations included cutting the remaining hospitality budget by 75 per cent.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M25: Restrictions J30 to Dartford Tunnel
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M20: Restrictions J5 to J8
A3: Contraflows south of Petersfield

Routes to avoid: continued delays are expected in the West Country because of contraflows on the A303 Amesbury bypass in Wiltshire, another on the same road between Wincanton and Mere, and one on the A30 west of Bolventor in Cornwall.

Skye Princess is in a class of her own

PRINCESS Dulcima Rosetta Manwaring-Spencer, aged five, will start school on Monday, the only child in her class at a Hebridean primary school (Kerry Gill writes). She is one "princess", however, who is unlikely to make the pages of *Hello!* magazine.

Miss Manwaring-Spencer was born in Raigmore hospital, Inverness, the daughter of a crofter and his wife who decided to give her the name of Princess. It took three years of argument with the registrar general, two letters on behalf of the Queen, and a change in Scots law to let her keep her Christian name.

The start of her school career, however, will have a grand beginning as a chauffeur-driven council car will collect her from the smallholding at Borreraig Park, Skye, where her family tend a flock of 30 sheep and run a crofting museum. The car, laid on in the absence of a school bus, will take her along four miles of single-track road to Borrodale primary school where she will be the only first-year pupil.

After school the car will return her to the croft where her first menial job of the day will be to feed the geese. Hugh Manwaring-Spencer, her father, said: "Princess's life on the croft isn't much like any that our real royals live."

The Queen, it emerged, had no objection to Princess being so-called In 1989 the registrar general conceded the point and the clause in the 1910 order under Scottish law was removed.

Uppark unveils restored glories

By JOHN YOUNG

UPPARK House, the National Trust's 17th-century mansion on the West Sussex Downs, which was gutted by fire two years ago, will reopen over the next two weekends to allow the public to inspect the restoration work in progress.

About £4.5 million has been spent on the project so far with the final estimate put as high as £20 million.

The National Trust has responded to criticisms that expenditure on such a scale to create a simulation is not justified by pointing out that restoration is being funded mainly by the insurers, and that the money could not have been diverted to other projects.

The fire destroyed the roof and the two upper floors but the external and most of the internal walls were structurally undamaged. Although the work is not due to be completed until 1994, the building has already been re-roofed and most of the doors and windows are in place.

PETER TREVNOR

Carving history: Frank Stacey, one of a team of restorers, working on oak modillions supporting the roof of Uppark House, West Sussex, which was gutted by fire two years ago. The final cost of restoration work to the 17th century house could reach £20 million

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Civic counterblast is aimed at director of festival

McLaughlin: comments on fringe "outrageous"

Edinburgh hits back at the criticism of the festival's director that the fringe is affected by a lack of seriousness. Simon Tait reports

COMMENTS about the fringe by Frank Dunlop, the outgoing director of the Edinburgh Festival, were beginning yesterday to make this the most politically explosive festival of his eight-year tenure.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Eleanor McLaughlin, who is also chairman of the festival council, has called Mr Dunlop's comments, which were made to arts correspondents on Wednesday, "outrageous".

His crime has been to accuse the fringe of threatening to become a Blackpool pleasure beach, with little artistic merit, and, because of its high publicity profile, of threatening the festival as the world's leading arts fixture.

This year's fringe was said to be dominated by stand-up comedians and notable for its lack of seriousness. "People come here to promenade now, to walk along the street to see what sideshows there are," Mr Dunlop said. "What has that to do with anything but passing the time away?" He feared eminent companies would shy away from Edinburgh in future and look to other cities, such as Avignon.

The lord provost's counterblast came yesterday, just as it was annnounced that Nigel Kennedy, the violinist, was withdrawing from his sellout official festival concert on August 20.

Mrs McLaughlin said: "I have remained silent for some time now while Frank Dunlop has made critical and divisive comments which have done little to enhance the reputation of Edinburgh, both as a city and a venue for the arts. During this time, the district council, in particular, has continued to recognise the valuable contribution made by Mr Dunlop and has refused to be drawn into a public dispute.

"However, enough is enough, and his recent statements on the fringe are nothing short of outrageous." She said Mr Dunlop had no right to interfere with the fringe and called for him to "stop throwing tantrums and put his energy into filling the large hole this [Kennedy's withdrawal] has left in the festival programme, and leave the running of the fringe to those people who have made it the success it is today." The council is a financial supporter of the fringe, and of the official festival, and that support has grown from £9,000 in 1983 to £23,500 this year.

But Mr Dunlop and the council have been at odds over the festival's newest venue, the Empire Theatre, pressed into service for the current season because the Royal Lyceum Theatre's refurbishment was not ready. He had planned to turn the Empire, a former Mecca bingo hall, into Scotland's first opera house, doubling as the festival's permanent headquarters, and he had commissioned a new opera based on the life of Marco Polo to open the venue at the 1993 festival. Instead, the council said this week that the Empire would be a theatre for "wide-ranging entertainment" and administered by an independent trust. It will open at a total cost of £14 million, but not before November 1993.

Mr Dunlop would make no further comment last night, except to say that the lord provost had not contacted him.

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University expansion 'endangers standards'

By John O'Leary, higher education correspondent

UNIVERSITY lecturers yesterday warned ministers that the expansion of higher education, helped by record numbers of A-level passes, was threatening the quality of degree courses and research.

In a report designed to influence this summer's public spending negotiations, the Association of University Teachers claimed that standards were already suffering. "The current system has reached the limits of its capacity. Further expansion without investment will inevitably jeopardise teaching and research," it said.

The report put the case for a 30 per cent increase in the government's planned spending on universities of £2,441 million to meet the prime minister's target of 3 per cent expansion a year. The union said that the money was needed to renew equipment, maintain and expand teaching accommodation, and raise pay to recruit more academics.

The A-level results posted in schools and colleges yesterday should ensure that this year's targets are met with ease. Universities already had 7 per cent more applications than in 1990, while polytechnics and colleges had registered a 16 per cent increase.

Although the improvement in the top grades was too slight to throw out admissions tutors' calculations, university applicants are likely to be held strictly to their offers to avoid overrecruitment. Most universities and almost all polytechnics were seeking more students, and welcomed the improved pass rate as a result.

Andrew Hindmarsh, Sheffield university's senior admissions officer, said: "The improvement is not uniform across all A-Level subjects, but the results have helped us to meet higher targets. Where universities are not expanding, it will probably mean that they will have to be more rigorous about who they accept."

Jeff Enderby, the spokesman for the Universities Central Council on Admissions, said: "The pressure on places is going to be no less intense, and may be slightly heavier, depending on how many students the universities are going to accept." Fewer places may be available through the clearing process.

Mike Scott, deputy chief executive of the Polytechnics and Colleges Admissions System, said that offers to students had been pitched a grade higher on average because of the extra demand for places. Some worried students had been shopping around for vacant places before even seeing their results.

☐ Four out of five A and AS-level classes were judged to be effective in a report by the schools inspectorate published yesterday. Almost 700 classes in schools and colleges were observed for the study, which found the vast majority of students to be well-qualified and highly motivated.

Students, and sometimes staff, were reluctant to commit themselves to AS-levels because they felt that the qualification was not yet fully accepted. More than 13 per cent of the sample took at least one AS-level, but the inspectors said that few of the institutions demonstrated the breadth of study possible through combinations of the two types of course.

Programmes of Students on GCE A-Level Courses (from DES publications, Honeypot Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AZ)

Executed prisoners' kidneys are sold

By Thomson Prentice
Medical correspondent

PRISONERS executed in China have become the source of a macabre new market in the trade of kidneys for transplantation.

A report in today's issue of *The Lancet* describes how the organs are removed from prisoners' bodies after execution and grafted into patients from Hong Kong.

The patients pay £10,000 for the operation but risk HIV or hepatitis infection. Neither the doomed prisoners nor their families have a say in the matter. Many relatives never discover what has happened because they do not collect the corpse, fearing harassment by officials.

The Hong Kong government condemns the practice and refuses to supply to the patients drugs that help to prevent organ rejection.

Even so, an unknown number with renal failure ignore the risks and travel to China for what they regard as their last chance of treatment.

The trade flourishes because the colony cannot provide enough donor kidneys, Siu-Keung Lam, a doctor at the Queen Mary hospital, Hong Kong, writes in *The Lancet*. About 1,000 patients want a transplant but only 50 of the operations are performed each year.

Some specialists in the colony refer patients to hospitals in Guangzhou, 80 miles across the China border. "Kidneys are usually obtained from prisoners executed for offences such as rape, burglary or political 'crimes'," Dr Lam says.

"Patients are discharged a few weeks after the operation if no major complication occurs, and a follow-up is undertaken by the referring physician in Hong Kong." Dr Lam's report was prompted by correspondence in *The Lancet* about the international trade in human kidneys. The business is biggest in India, where more than 2,000 kidneys are taken from impoverished donors desperate for money and sold every year, generating an estimated annual turnover of £10 million.

Most operations take place in Bombay and often involve patients from the Middle East. Many of them die within months of the operation because of poor surgical technique or infection.

MICHAEL POWELL

Going solo: hailing a taxi will no longer be a problem for Luciano Pavarotti. He has bought one — after waiting for ten years. Charlie Bessell, his chauffeur for 15 years, set off with the air-conditioned cab from London yesterday to deliver it to the opera singer's home in Modena

Extraterrestrial scoop comes down to earth

Peter Davenport meets a Florida journalist whose tale about aliens has made her the star of this weekend's congress of UFO spotters

THE invitation could not have been clearer: "Press cards to be shown and no one from the *Sport* newspapers will be allowed entrance to the press conference," it said.

As an exercise in censorship, it was probably understandable. A publication that specialises in such exclusives as the sighting of a missing second world war bomber on the Moon is not the sort of journal to be warmly welcomed among a gathering of those who take the world of UFOs and visitations by alien creatures very seriously.

On the other hand, the editor of *Florida Home and Garden* found herself the centre of attention at the press conference to launch the Sixth International UFO Congress, which is being held in the down-to-earth city of Sheffield this weekend.

For once, Ms Kathryn Howard found herself on the other side of the notebook. Twenty-two years after an experience in which she claims to have been abducted by aliens and transported high above the Earth in a spacecraft, she had finally, she said, decided the time was right to go public with her story.

Ms Howard, sometime singer and yoga teacher, said yesterday that her experience happened in 1969 near a small village in southern Sweden, where she was then living.

She recalled being inside an object "like a large beer barrel, itself inside a larger vessel", restrained by her wrists and ankles and able to view the Earth through a circular window beneath her feet.

Since then, she had seen what may have been alien figures, 10ft high silhouettes, three times. It had all left her with a greater feeling for the human race, she said, as well as the power to heal.

But why is she presenting her story now? "Well, I feel the timing is right, and I feel a trust in the people around me here, and I feel safe and secure in telling it."

Ms Howard is undoubtedly a coup for the organisers of the congress, which will have more than 260 international delegates and speakers, covering all aspects of "Ufology".

However, staging a conference on UFOs in the traditional news "silly season" of August may not be the wisest of moves. Readers of the *Sport* newspapers may well be denied coverage of the conference, but it remains to be seen how the readership of *Florida Home and Garden* receives its editor's "out of this world" exclusive.

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Orkney children 'quizzed repeatedly by officials'

By Kerry Gill

EIGHT brothers and sisters linked to the Orkney sexual abuse affair have been questioned repeatedly for nine months by officials of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, it was claimed yesterday.

Many requests by the mother to see her children since they were taken into care last November had been refused, friends claimed yesterday. Her five-year-old daughter thought at one stage she was dead, they said after seeing a psychiatrist's report.

Three of the children were the source of allegations of sexual abuse levelled against four other Orkney families, whose nine children were seized in dawn raids last February and released five weeks later after a sheriff's hearing.

Several hundred letters that the mother had sent to her children had been kept from them, said a spokeswoman for a group supporting the mother's efforts to regain custody.

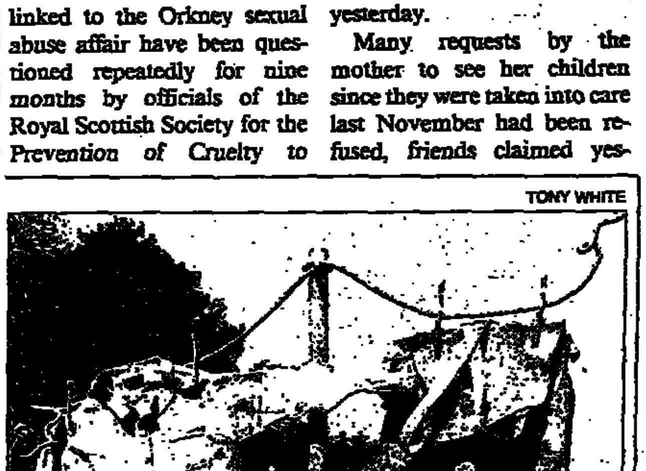
One child supposedly involved in the alleged sexual abuse had repeatedly told social workers the claims were "all lies". "She seems now to be a voice in the wilderness," the spokeswoman said.

The mother has been allowed only two visits to each child in nine months. The visits were supervised by social workers, who refused requests to let them play on swings with their mother.

The spokeswoman said that records concerning children's panel cases in Orkney in the past 20 years, reported stolen this week, included those relating to this case. Police are investigating.

A judicial enquiry into the case involving the four families and their nine children will begin later this month under Lord Clyde. The RSSPCC said that access was a matter for the reporter to the children's panel and that the Orkney social work department was responsible for the missing letters.

TONY WHITE



Hard lines: Adam Booth's *Washing Line*, one of over 200 pieces of metalwork that are to be sold at Billingshurst, West Sussex, on September 23 in a joint venture between Sotheby's and the British Artist Blacksmiths Association

Commons voting study spotlights the Tory rebels

By Robin Oakley
Political editor

THE Conservative party is regularly more divided than Labour in the House of Commons.

A computerised study of the 345 divisions in the House of Commons during the session from November 1989 to November 1990 shows that in more than a third some Tories disagreed with the way most of their colleagues voted.

Conservatives voted both ways on 124 occasions compared to the 80 on which Labour's vote was divided. Many of the divisions were on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, a "conscience issue" on which there were free votes. Even if the votes on that bill are excluded there were 96 votes in which Conservatives appeared in both aye and no lobbies to only 51 for Labour. The latest study by Campaign Information comes in the wake of two earlier ones for the previous sessions of the parliament that began in 1987. In the first 1987-8 session the Conservatives were divided on 109 occasions to Labour's 68, and in the 1988-9 session they were divided on 81 occasions to Labour's 41.

In many cases there were only one or two dissentients. Government parties, being numerically larger, are more likely to be divided; there are 369 Tory MPs to Labour's 228. Whips are unworried by divisions on non-government legislation, but the figures are an indication of the strains in a government party that last year was driven to change its leader.

Eight of the occasions on which Conservative dissent was shown involved the important principle of government bills being given their second or third readings. The most significant were the 55 Tory MPs who voted against the second reading of the war crimes bill to enable prosecution of suspected Nazi war criminals living in Britain, and the 43 who voted against the second reading of the British nationality (Hong Kong) bill providing for "insurance policy" British passports for 50,000 heads of households in Hong Kong. Thirty-six Conservative MPs voted against the third reading of the embryology bill.

Among 58 votes at committee and report stage on significant details of government legislation where Tories made plain their reservations (29 of them on the embryology bill), there were 33 Tory rebels over income support provisions in the health service and community care bill for those in residential or nursing care, and 50 backing the addition of a dog registration scheme to the environmental protection bill.

Of the 360 MPs who "dissented" at least once, the Campaign Information study says that 197 only did so on matters outside the government's programme or on the embryology bill. That leaves 162 Tory MPs who voted against some aspect of the government's programme on at least one occasion.

The leading rebels were Ann Winterton (Congleton), who had 17 "dissents" and her husband Nicholas (Macclesfield), who had 16. Excluding the embryology bill votes they were tied on 13. Others listed with more than five were:

Eight: Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington), Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd NW) and Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton)

Seven: Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster), Sir Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge) and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lancaster).

Six: Michael Morris (Northampton S), David Knox (Staffordshire Moorlands), Patrick Cormack (Staffordshire S), John Biffen (Shropshire N) Vivian Bendall (Ilford N) and Rupert Allason (Torbay).

That makes Mr Biffen the leading rebel of the session among former ministers.

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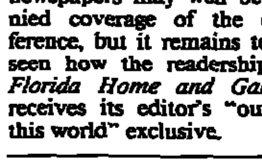

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DISSENTIONS

	Nov 87-88	Nov 88-89	Nov 89-90
Conservative	109	81	124
Labour	68	41	80

Drinking of beer goes into decline

Almost half of Britain's beer drinkers are cutting consumption because of the rising cost of a pint, concern for their health and fear of the breathalyser, a report has disclosed.

The market researchers Mintel said that four out of ten people surveyed admitted they were drinking less while in the 20 to 24 age group the figure rose to six out of ten. A tiny proportion said they were drinking more.

Steve Cox, campaign manager for the Campaign for Real Ale, said that demand for "real" beer was rising as drinkers substituted quality for quantity. "We are in favour of a more discerning consumer," he said.

Assault inside hospital ward

Security at a Nottinghamshire hospital is to be reviewed after a woman patient was sexually assaulted as she made herself supper.

Staff at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham chased the attacker after hearing screams from the woman, aged 42, late on Wednesday, night but he escaped in a maze of corridors. The man was not a patient at the hospital.

Three killed

Three members of a British family were killed in a car crash on the Costa del Sol, Spain. Lillian Spraggins, aged 77, her son Christopher, aged 48, and his son David, aged 15, died when their hired Renault 5 collided head on with another car at Torre del Mar. Betty Spraggins, aged 48, is in intensive care at a hospital in Vélez Málaga.

Lottery award

Theresa Magee, aged 53, from Newry, Co Down, has been given £500,000 of her £1 million contested national lottery prize after a legal fight. Dublin High Court ordered that the rest of the money should be retained until it was decided whether Mary Byrne, also of Newry, is entitled to it.

Runway closed

Thousands of holidaymakers were delayed on flights to and from Manchester airport when the runway was closed after a cargo aircraft burst two tyres on landing and its undercarriage caught fire. A total of 29 flights were diverted to other airports.

Women beaten

Two women croupiers on their way home from a casino in central London were beaten with an iron bar and left bleeding in the road after two gunmen forced their car off the A316 Chertsey Road at Twickenham, southwest London. The attackers, who demanded jewellery, fled after being disturbed by a passing car.

Baby abandoned

A premature baby girl was found abandoned in a cardboard box outside the Johnson hospital in Spalding, Lincolnshire. The baby, weighing 2lb 9oz and in good health, was found after an anonymous telephone call.

Children hurt

Fifteen children were injured when a minibus overturned after a tyre burst on the M1 in Bedfordshire between junctions 11 and 10. Some of the children were taken to hospital although none was seriously hurt.

Police injured

Two policemen were hurt after their patrol car crashed during a 100mph chase through Maidstone, Kent. Both were treated in hospital but released.

Man stabbed

A man aged 22 was stabbed to death outside his home at Great Horton, West Yorkshire. Three men have been arrested.

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South Africans reach accord to end violence

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

A DRAFT agreement on codes of conduct for political parties and security forces has given a boost to the search for peace in South Africa. The five-point accord was agreed by a committee including senior representatives of the government, the African National Congress and Inkatha.

The document provides for peace committees at national and local level, a permanent secretariat which will have statutory powers to prevent provocation or intimidation, and measures to tackle socio-economic problems. Copies have been sent to other parties, such as the far-right Conservatives and militant black groups, who will be invited to endorse the agreement at a formal signing in Johannesburg on September 14.

The section on political conduct would ban any statements, pamphlets or posters likely to incite violence or hatred. Committee sources said anyone making inflammatory statements or false allegations could, for example, be compelled to apologise publicly. Streamlined judicial procedures for dealing with political killers were also envisaged.

The breakthrough coincided with renewed political violence. Riot police and army reinforcements have been deployed in Alexandra township, where at least 24 people have been killed and 53 injured this week. A dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed in the shanty town in eastern Johannesburg. Police supported by combat troops and armoured vehicles immediately began patrolling the main roads, and searching homes for weapons.

The local civic organisation, affiliated to the African National Congress, blamed militants of the Inkatha Freedom party for the violence and alleged they had been supported by a group of whites.

Mzwanele Mayekiso, the civic group's spokesman, said the fighting had taken place mainly at night, when gangs of armed thugs attacked anyone near workers' hostels controlled by Inkatha. He claimed masked white men participated in a raid on a squatter camp in which 11 people died. "A group of armed white men were seen off-loading people wearing Inkatha T-shirts from a minibus without registration plates at the camp," he said.

Police said they had noted the allegations, and appealed for witnesses. However, Keith Madonsela, a branch official of the ANC youth league, said residents were unlikely to do so because they had no confidence in the police.

Humphrey Ndlovu, a local Inkatha leader, denied that his organisation was responsible for the violence, and said it had been incited by the murder of two Inkatha members by ANC supporters.

Dr Pascal Ngakane, the manager of the Alexandra clinic, said 26 people had been treated for gunshot wounds, 25 for knife and machete injuries, and two for severe burns. "When I walked into the admissions section, it was awash with blood," he said.

Meanwhile, two members of the extreme right-wing Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) have appeared in court on charges of public violence after clashes with police in the western Transvaal town of Ventersdorp last weekend in which three people were killed and 51 were injured. They were not asked to plead, and were summoned to appear on September 23. Police said more members of the organisation would be charged with attempted murder, assault and damage to property.

Adriaan Vlok, the outgoing minister of law and order, said Pretoria was considering options for dealing with private armies, such as the AWB, which he said were unnecessary and unacceptable. Pretoria preferred to try to persuade paramilitary groups to disband, but it was also looking at outlawing them.

Vlok: Pretoria is prepared to outlaw private armies

Licensed to build: Roger Moore, the James Bond actor, making traditional bricks at Las Isletas, in El Salvador, during a tour of Unicef clinics in Central America

Japanese honour war dead

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

EIGHT cabinet ministers were among the 197 Japanese politicians who bowed to pressure from the Japan War-bereaved Families' Association and yesterday paid their respects to the nation's war dead at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo on the 46th anniversary of the country's surrender in the second world war.

More than two million Japanese soldiers are enshrined at Yasukuni, including the wartime prime minister, General Hideki Tojo, and 13 other war leaders, convicted as Class A war criminals by an international tribunal. In 1986, Yasubiro Nakasone, the former prime minister, visited the Shinto shrine and sparked a storm of protest from China, North and South Korea, and other Asian nations.

Toshiki Kaifu, the prime minister, and Taro Nakayama, the foreign minister, fresh from a trip to Peking, did not visit the shrine yesterday. Mr Kaifu addressed an annual war memorial service attended by Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

Laos flies flag for Buddhism

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE Land of a Million Elephants and almost as many shrines is officially shedding the hammer and sickle from the Laotian flag along with the Red Prince who came to power with the Pathet Lao in 1975.

From now on a Buddhist shrine will grace the centre of the country's flag, while the only Asian communist leader of royal blood, Prince Souphanouvong, aged 82, retires as president. Kaysone Phomvihan, for long the strongman of Laotian politics, moves into the presidency to be replaced as prime minister by General Khamtay Siphandon, but he clearly will retain supreme control. He has headed the Communist Party of Laos since 1955.

Mr Kaysone left the post of secretary-general of the party but was given overriding powers, not unlike those of President Gorbachev, at yesterday's session of the Supreme People's Assembly which approved the far-reaching personnel changes in Vientiane and much-enhanced authority for Mr Kaysone.

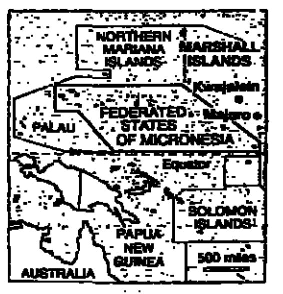
MICRONESIA NOTEBOOK by James Pringle

Living off the fat of the island

One of the most popular features in the *Kwajalein Hourglass*, the bi-weekly newspaper at a mid-Pacific testing base for America's Strategic Defence Initiative missiles, is to do with being fat.

One article by an overweight boffin on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands noted in a recent issue: "The only thing I seemed good at was eating – every time I attempted to ride my bicycle around the island, my exhaustion was only a reminder that I was just too damn fat."

Daily commuter flights carry "Kwaj" personnel to other islands in the atoll, such as top-secret Roi-Namur, where missiles fired from southern California, 4,278 miles away, are monitored.



One would think the hot-house atmosphere on Kwajalein, which looks like a swank Miami Beach country club, rather than a scientific station on the cutting edge of nuclear missile technology, and the outer edge of civilisation, would lead to tensions, stormy love affairs, even crimes of passion.

But on Kwajalein, it seems, the biggest psychological problem is bingeing at the Yokwe Yuk club (in the Marshallese language, the name means "you are a rainbow" or "love to you" or "Hi"). The paper napkins at the club depict a missile flying past a palm tree. Sample menu items include: roast tenderloin in Madeira sauce, breaded veal cutlet and "all-you-can-eat fish and chips".

The Surfway supermarket, besides its constant supply of fresh fruit and vegetables shipped in from America, is a junk-food heaven for depressed boffins. One sees many grossly obese people on Kwajalein, despite the wealth of sports facilities, including the world's biggest scuba diving club. There is plenty of time to relax; 1,025 Marshallese, dark-skinned Micronesians from the nearby overcrowded island of Ebeye, do the menial jobs, shipped in at daybreak, and out at dusk.

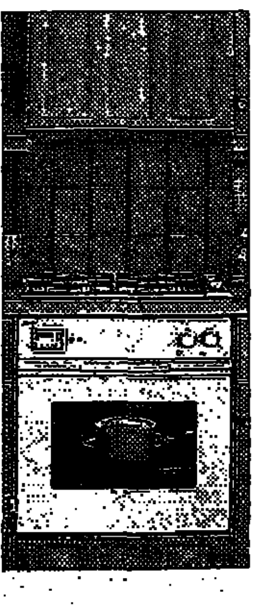
It is unusual on this 800-acre island to encounter the internal combustion engine. There are no private cars and most of the 3,018 Americans cycle to work or play, often towing their offspring in miniature trailers.

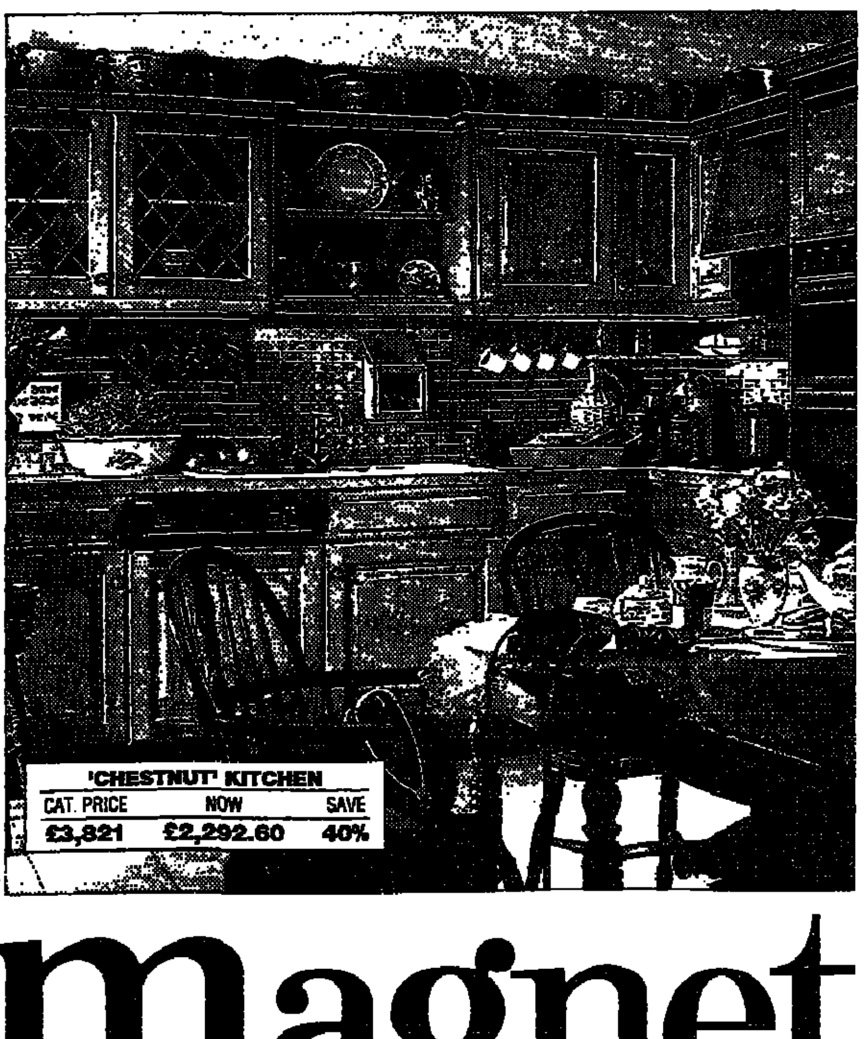
Kwaj residents boast of the peak academic standards in their high school, but that hardly makes for a rich cultural life or stimulating after-dinner conversation. "Our dinner parties mostly consist of small talk because many of us are involved in highly classified work," said a woman here on a government contract. "Fishing, diving in the reef, trips to 'Hono' (Honolulu)."

Perhaps there are just not the issues. "You don't have to worry about the things you do in the United States," said one resident. "No crime, no pollution and you don't commute two to three hours to work." The biggest crime here: speeding on a bicycle, fine $25 (£15). The unspoken bottom line about Kwajalein, after all, and a subject excluded from sermons at the Kwaj church, is that it is about "nuking" people, lots of them, with state-of-the-art technology.

A Washington-based bureaucrat on the Continental Air Micronesia flight from Kwajalein said: "Being on Kwajalein drives me nuts after three hours." The US army, which runs Kwajalein, does not permit any Dr Strangelove nuttiness to develop. "We have a strong set of social rules here," said a base official. "Anyone who drinks too much or gets in fights at the Yokwe Yuk club is quickly shipped out."

There are people who have been at this "Star Wars" research station for 25 years. "These are the ones who can't face the real world any more," says a resident.





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Ancient passions flare over attack on Siena's horse race

Paul Bompard finds Siena seething after Franco Zeffirelli and Brigitte Bardot dared to criticise the historic Palio contest for cruelty to horses

Bardot: believes the Palio is unfair to horses

FOR ANY red-blooded citizen of Siena, the Palio horse race is more keenly felt than national politics, the Italian football championship or even their own or their neighbours' marital tribulations. The ancient race, held twice-yearly in July and August, however, faces a very modern criticism: cruelty to animals.

Today's Palio, the second of the year, has been attacked by the film and opera director, Franco Zeffirelli, and the actress Brigitte Bardot. They say it is unfair to the horses and should be abolished. Their opposition understandably infuriates traditionalist Sienesi.

Zeffirelli — some say because the "maestro" was refused permission to film from the top of the Mangia tower in the Piazza del Campo — has called the Sienesi "communists, hunters, blasphemers and mafiosi". Siena has responded by filing a suit for slander. Zeffirelli, incidentally, makes television commercials for Italy's largest furrier.

The Palio is run in three laps of the 333-metre circumference of Piazza del Campo. The race dates from the Middle Ages, but has been run in its present form and under the same intricate rules since 1659. The cobblestones of the piazza are covered with a mixture of earth, clay and sand to provide grip for the hooves while allowing water to drain quickly in case of rain.

Siena's mayor, Pierluigi Piccini, does in fact belong to the PDS, Italy's former Communist party. But his conscience is clear as far as the horses are concerned. "We have a team of vets who examine up to 30 horses before each Palio and choose only those that are best suited for this kind of race," he said. "There is an emergency medical centre here in Siena for any horse that gets hurt, and Italy's top veterinary clinic in Parma is ready to treat any serious injuries. In 20 years, of more than 10,000 horses that have raced in Piazza del Campo only 20 have been shot."

Signor Piccini also described with pride an estate outside Siena where Palio horses are kept for the rest of their lives at the city's expense when they are too old to race or have been injured. "Horses are loved and worshipped here," he said. "People still take flowers to the tombstone of Topolone, a Palio hero who died at the venerable age of 25." And it should not be forgotten that a winning horse takes part, obviously with an appropriate menu, in the celebration banquet after the Palio.

Beppe Squillace, treasurer of the Acquila, dismisses Zeffirelli's attacks with scorn. "He just wants to get his name in the papers. What he says makes *no sense* and we of the *contrade* are not even paying attention. Zeffirelli is a Florentine."

The basis of the Palio is the division of Siena, a city of 60,000, into 17 *contrade* or quarters. A feudal microcosm in which each *contrada* has its own territory, its own traditions, and its own hierarchy.

In the past the *contrade* furnished men at arms to fight the enemies of Siena and Tuscany. Each *contrada* has a flag depicting an animal which is often also the name of the *contrada*. The 17 *contrade* are (old Italian names): *aquila* (eagle), *bruco* (caterpillar), *chiocciola* (snail), *civetta* (owl), *drago* (dragon), *giraffa* (giraffe), *ostrice* (porcupine), *leocorno* (unicorn), *lupa* (wolf), *nicchio* (shell), *oca* (goose), *onda* (dolphin), *pantera* (panther), *selva* (rhinoceros), *tartuca* (tortoise), *torre* (elephant), and *valdimontone* (ram).

Only ten *contrade* race in each Palio, under a rotation system. The favourites this year, after the complex ritual of assigning horses and engaging jockeys, are *tartuca*, *pantera*, *oca* and *aquila*.

Initiation into love and loyalty for the *contrada* begins early. Each *contrada* has its fountain, and as soon as they are born babies are 'baptised' with its water. Later, the children of each *contrada* are instructed by one or more "Masters of Novices."

A kind of renaissance scoutmaster takes the young boys and girls on outings and cultural expeditions, but also teaches them to play the drum or carry the standards of the *contrada* in the Palio celebrations and other feast days. Above all he instills the spirit of the *contrada*.

The passion cuts through all social barriers. At Palio time *conti* and *marchesi* link arms with the proletariat of their *contrada* in the all-out effort to win the race.

Serbian guerrillas threaten Austrian and German envoys

By IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AN UNDERGROUND Serbian group, using the historically sinister name of Crna Ruka (Black Hand), has sent death-threat letters to the German and Austrian embassies in Ottawa, which are being taken seriously by the foreign ministries in Bonn and Vienna.

The typewritten letters warn diplomats that they are "legitimate targets" because their countries have been interfering in internal Yugoslav politics by supporting Croatia and Slovenia. A Croatian group has responded by issuing a death threat against the Yugoslav ambassador to Canada, who is a Serb.

In Croatia, in a fresh violation of the ceasefire, a Croatian national guardsman was killed by Serbian snipers yesterday near Kostajnica, southeast of Zagreb, police said. Croatian forces returned fire but it was not known whether any Serbs were hurt. The killing brought to 14 the number of deaths reported since a tenuous truce came into force in Croatia on August 7. In Osijek, police reported heavy artillery and mortar fire in surrounding villages.

The Canadian police confirmed yesterday that the death threats to the Austrian and German embassies had been issued and also said that the Serb and Croat expatriate communities in Canada were known to be raising money to send weapons to the rival militias in Yugoslavia. It is very likely that a militant Serbian group was ready to carry out assassinations.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, has angered Serbian leaders by asking the European Community to consider recognition of the two breakaway republics and sanctions against Serbia. This is deeply resented by Serbs, who have bitter memories of the nazi puppet state in Croatia during the second world war and who believe Germany is providing undercover help to the Croats to create a "Fourth Reich".

Vojislav Seselj, the Serbian Chetnik leader, claimed in an interview with *Der Spiegel* that at least 40 German mercenaries took part in an attack on a Yugoslav army missile base recently. Mr Seselj said that his Chetniks were "strong enough" to protect minority Serb populations throughout Yugoslavia and he said they would fight to extend Serbia's borders to include all such areas.

Exiled Serbs are being recruited from around the world, especially from among the large expatriate communities in North America and Australia. One of the most feared Serbian commanders, known as Captain Dragan, was trained in the Australian army and is on the run from police in Melbourne. According to *Der Spiegel*, two members of the IRA have joined his unit to give advice on guerrilla warfare.

By signing the death threats "Crna Ruka", the group has given a reminder of how dangerous Balkan resistance movements can be. The Black Hand was formed in Belgrade in 1911, seeking a union of Serbs then divided in Serbia and the Austrian and Turkish empires. The group masterminded the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria at Sarajevo and precipitated the first world war. Its leader, Dragutin Dimitrijevic, was executed in 1917, but at a retrial staged in Belgrade in 1953 he was exonerated of all charges, suggesting that he has been turned into a national hero by the Serbs.

Yugoslavs buy Beirut weaponry

From REUTER IN BRUSSELS

YUGOSLAV weapons, exported to Lebanon and shipped back secretly to the country's warring factions, together with unlimited international supplies, are complicating European Community efforts to stiffen curbs on the arms trade.

A London-based arms-trade expert, who declined to be named, said 30,000 tonnes of munitions arrived in seven ships from Beirut last month at the southern Yugoslav port of Bar, although port officials there said the arms were intended for shipment to a third country.

The dismantling of communist regimes has boosted black-market arms sales, notably from the former East Germany, and Hungary promised tighter controls after disclosures that it had supplied 10,000 AK47 assault rifles to the Croatian government. American customs officials in Miami uncovered a ring attempting to buy $12 million (£7 million) of weapons allegedly for Croatia, including Stinger anti-aircraft missiles, Redeye anti-tank missiles, night-vision equipment and M16 assault rifles.

Deadly gift: a Serbian girl carries a 16th birthday present from her father

Sign of faith: the Pope marks the fall of communism with more than a million young people in a Mass at the Black Madonna shrine in Czestochowa, Poland, yesterday

US 'seeking Latvia links'

From ANATOL LIEVEN IN VILNIUS

BALTIC foreign ministry officials claimed yesterday that the United States is planning to open diplomatic representation soon in Riga, the Latvian capital, but they were unable to say exactly when.

American diplomats at the consulate-general in St Petersburg, which is at present responsible for Baltic affairs, refused to comment on the report. The Soviet government's attitude is unclear.

Soviet agreement to the establishment of a mission will be necessary, if only because the Soviet customs and border guards still control all entry points to the Baltic. If permission is forthcoming, it will be an important sign of detente in Soviet government policies towards the Baltic, and a boost to Baltic morale.

But Western observers here say that the policy of the Soviet foreign ministry, which has dealt with this question so far, will not necessarily be that of the Soviet government as a whole. The ministry, dominated by appointees of former minister Eduard Shevardnadze, is known to have a much more liberal attitude to Baltic questions than has the Soviet prime minister, Valentin Pavlov, let alone the hardliners in the interior and defence ministries.

Foreign ministry agreement to an American representation could therefore be another move in the continuing battle between liberal and hardliners within the Soviet government. An American mission would be the first representation of a leading Western power in the Baltic since 1940.

In the past two years, the Scandinavians have led the way in establishing diplomatic missions. Sweden has consulates in Tallinn and Riga, and keeps a visiting diplomat in Vilnius. Finland has a consulate in Tallinn, and the Scandinavian countries are trying to open information offices. British diplomats have visited the area.

Glasnost architect faces party expulsion

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

ALEKSANDR Yakovlev, the reputed author of President Gorbachev's glasnost policy, faces imminent expulsion from the Soviet Communist party for renouncing marxism in a newspaper article.

The party's disciplinary body, the central control commission, said yesterday that Mr Yakovlev's further membership was "impossible" because of "actions running counter to the party's rules and aimed at splitting the party". The verdict has been communicated to Mr Yakovlev's primary party organisation, which takes the formal decision on expulsion.

If expelled, Mr Yakovlev would be the first of Mr Gorbachev's close associates to leave the party involuntarily. Others, including Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister, chose to resign.

Mr Yakovlev, who left his post as adviser to Mr Gorbachev last month, is a founder member of the Movement for Democratic Reform, headed by Mr Shevardnadze, and has frequently advocated policies more radical than those pursued by the Soviet leader.

His departure from the president's team of advisers, aside from the poor health that has dogged him in recent years, was said to be due to disagreement with Mr Gorbachev's decision to stay with the party and try to reform it. He has now become an adviser to the radical Moscow city council.

In a recent interview, Mr Yakovlev dissociated himself from marxism and said it was too late for the party to reform. Mr Yakovlev, aged 68, has been the butt of ferocious criticism from hardliners, who hold him chiefly to blame him for the party's shift from such traditional tenets as "class struggle". The commission earlier endorsed a decision by the Russian party to expel Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vice-president of the Russian Federation, who recently founded a new democratic party which he intended to operate within the framework of the Soviet, but not Russian, Communist party. Mr Rutskoi is challenging the decision.

Grenada reprieves 14 on death row

Grenada has commuted the death sentences of 14 people convicted of being involved in the murder of Maurice Bishop, the left-wing prime minister, in 1983 (David Watts writes).

In a television broadcast, Nicholas Brathwaite, the prime minister, said his government was "committed to reconciliation and Grenadians should now regard this as the closing of one chapter and the opening of another". His reprieve saves Bernard Coard, Bishop's deputy, and his wife Phyllis, who were leaders of the New Jewel Movement.

The sentences were commuted to life imprisonment. The prime minister said death sentences on eight others would also be commuted.

Markov accused

Sofia — Georgi Tambuev, chairman of the Bulgarian parliamentary commission investigating police files on MPs, alleged that Georgi Markov, the exiled Bulgarian writer who opposed the previous regime and was murdered in London in 1978, worked for the Bulgarian secret service. *(Reuter)*

Hunger protest

Peking — Wang Juntao, aged 33, a Chinese editor jailed for 13 years for allegedly masterminding the pro-democracy demonstrations of 1989, has joined his fellow dissident, Chen Ziming, aged 39, an economist, on hunger strike in protest against being kept in solitary confinement because of their refusal to repent.

Hold the babies

Baltimore, Maryland — Doctors delayed the birth of two triplets for 11 days after their premature sister was born in a rare procedure aimed to give the two extra time to develop, a physician said. The woman and her daughters were faring well, though the eldest, born 13 weeks prematurely, had breathing difficulties. *(AFP)*

Extremist threat

Bonn — Right-wing extremists are on the march in eastern Germany, Wolfgang Schäuble, the interior minister, said when he presented the annual report on domestic security. At least 2,000 neo-nazis were known to the police.

BCCI brings down a legend

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

FEW themes in history are more captivating than the fall of the mighty. A late 20th-century version was played out in Washington this week when Clark Clifford, a towering figure in the American capital for nearly half a century, resigned in near disgrace from the chairmanship of the city's largest banking company, First American Bankshares: the most prominent victim yet of the unfolding BCCI scandal.

Until recently no praise was too lavish for the tall, distinguished, silver-haired Mr Clifford. Now 84, he has been adviser, confidant and fixer to a string of presidents — "discreetly one of the most influential men of the century", as a reviewer of his recent autobiography put it. He was the grand old man of the Democratic party, a revered elder statesman, legal adviser to umpteen American corporations, the most venerated lawyer in a city full of lawyers, the proverbial legend in his own lifetime.

He was also, because of his transparent probity and connections, exactly the sort of figure that BCCI's founders needed to lend respectability to their nefarious operations. In 1981 a group of Middle Eastern investors offered to buy First American Bankshares but federal regulators suspected they were a front for BCCI, whose previous takeover attempt had failed.

The deal went through after Mr Clifford, representing the investors, personally assured the Federal Reserve Board that BCCI was not involved. "There is no function of any kind on the part of BCCI," declared Mr Clifford, who was subsequently appointed First American's chairman.

In fact, as was revealed earlier this year, precisely the opposite was true, and BCCI was ordered to divest itself of an illegal ownership which had given it a priceless entrée into the American banking system and collateral for many large and dubious loans.

Mr Clifford claimed he had been deliberately misled by BCCI. He was "appalled and embarrassed", he wrote in a hastily added footnote to his autobiography. "No event in my entire career caused me greater anger and outrage."

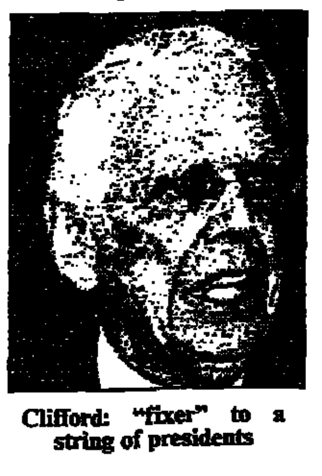
But to many it seems incredible that a man whose career was built on his celebrated judgment and ability to see round corners, one so politically sophisticated, could have been so duped, especially as his law firm represented BCCI for much of the 1980s.

Moreover, it was subsequently revealed that BCCI had in the mid-1980s given him a large, almost risk-free loan to buy First American shares from which he made a personal profit of $6.5 million (£3.85 million).

His resignation announcement suggested he was leaving voluntarily to protect the bank's good name. In fact the Fed, the bank's board and even the ruler of Abu Dhabi, BCCI's new owner, had pressed him to go. No criminal charges have yet been brought against him but he faces searching congressional investigations — indignities never previously visited on so illustrious a man.

The big question that remains unanswered by those who believe Mr Clifford was a knowing accomplice of BCCI is why he should have been. He certainly did not need the money. He is a millionaire several times over, but lives in a relatively modest home, dislikes the high life, never takes holidays and lives entirely for his work.

Nor does it seem probable that he would risk a lifetime's work by becoming the agent of such shady operators. "I've lost something that I worked for for 62 years," Mr Clifford told one interviewer. With unconscious shades of Shakespeare's Othello, he continued: "To a certain extent I've lost my good name, and I'm deeply sorry about that."



Clifford: "fixer" to a string of presidents

Guatemala eases line on Belize

By DAVID WATTS

GUATEMALA has moved to end its ancient dispute with Belize by saying for the first time that it recognizes its right to self-determination.

But a statement from President Serrano stopped short of saying Guatemala was formally recognising Belize's independence from Britain in 1981 or that it was abandoning its claim to at least part of Belizean territory. The claim to sovereignty dates back to Guatemalan indepndence in the early 19th century.

The war of words between the two has died down under Guatemala's civilian leadership since 1985 and the statement from President Serrano, who took office last January, said that his government, acting in accordance with international law, had decided to "recognise the right of the people of Belize to their self-determination". The gesture, it said, stemmed from "the desire of the Guatemalan people to live in peace and harmony with the Caribbean community of nations".

Publishers make an offer Brando cannot refuse

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE Great Mumbler can certainly turn a phrase. When Richard Schickel, a *Time* magazine film critic, asked Marlon Brando through an intermediary to co-operate with a new biography, the star responded that he thought books about actors were just "frozen monkey vomit".

But that has not stopped Brando himself signing on with Random House to write his own memoirs. The word in the publishing world is that Brando will receive between $4 million (£2.4 million) and $5 million if he completes a publishable manuscript.

Brando is evidently taking the task seriously. When Jacob Weisberg, a senior editor at the serious-minded *New Republic* magazine, used Brando as an example of the "non-writing celebrity" writing a "ghost-assisted" autobiography, Brando immediately shot back. He called Weisberg to insist that he was writing the book himself. Weisberg thought at first the call was from a friend doing a *Godfather* impersonation.

Brando's life makes many of his screen roles pale by comparison. Now there is a chance that the real thing will make the big screen.

Brando's son, Christian, was recently sentenced to ten years in jail after pleading guilty to manslaughter for shooting dead his half-sister's boyfriend at the Brando estate. Christian Brando is planning an appeal against the sentence, and speculation is mounting that he will be represented by America's most famous lawyer, Alan Dershowitz of Harvard.

Mr Dershowitz, who represented the "hotel queen of mean", Leona Helmsley, on tax evasion charges, has been topping the best-seller lists with *Chutzpah*, a book about Jewish self-assertiveness. The Brandos should remember an earlier Dershowitz volume on his successful defence of the socialite Claus von Bulow, which became the big-budget film *Reversal of Fortune*.

The Brando family could do with their own reversal of fortune. Just months after Christian's arrest for killing Cheyenne Brando's lover, the actor's daughter-in-law has been killed in a hit-and-run accident.

Jiselle Honore Brando, aged 29, the wife of Miko Brando, was driving on the Santa Ana freeway in Los Angeles with two men friends, who began to argue. She stopped the car on the hard shoulder and the two men got out and began to fight. As Mrs Brando tried to stop the fight spilling on to the road, all three were hit by a pick-up truck. A second vehicle ran over and killed Mrs Brando.

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Israel puts the brakes on hostage diplomacy

From GEORGE BROCK IN GENEVA

HOSTAGE negotiations have moved into the shadows and Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, who left Geneva yesterday, is unlikely to free any captives this weekend.

The cause of the slowdown, Israel's request for information on seven missing servicemen, is clear enough but the importance of the evidence about the seven has been obscured by the torrent of rumours gushing from many leaks in Beirut.

The Israeli government is insisting that before it makes any other move, some "sign of life" (or death) is produced of the seven servicemen who went missing in action in Lebanon over the past decade. Uri Lubrani, the coordinator of government policy for Lebanon, has told Señor Pérez de Cuéllar that the information comes first or nothing happens.

Mr Lubrani and his team have pointed out repeatedly to UN officials that if Israel releases any of its 430-odd Arab detainees without reliable information, it will have given away negotiating cards and received nothing in return. As Señor Pérez de Cuéllar put it: "Nothing is done for nothing."

Most of the speculation about phased releases and comprehensive swaps has taken this passing of information for granted and concentrated on a grand finale. The optimism of earlier this week was dampened by the dawning realisation here that acquiring genuine information is pivotal for the Israelis and that so far they have had no sign that they are going to get it. The letter from Islamic Jihad to Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, delivered by John McCarthy, made no mention of the Israeli servicemen.

During the past two weeks, the UN secretary-general's work as a high-class postman between various governments and groups involved has laid foundations but not bridged the gaps. The Israeli government has admitted openly that its Arab detainees in southern Lebanon are assets which it will trade in exchange for information.

The Iranian government has been equally frank about the extent of its leverage over the Beirut hostage-takers. The unanswered question is therefore: will Iran, which can lean on the Shia groups, and Syria, which has clout with the Palestinians, press their clients to satisfy the Israeli request?

● **Jerusalem:** Israel's negotiators were due to return home last night empty-handed from Geneva, where they had demanded information regarding the fate of seven Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon (Richard Beeston writes).

Israeli officials remained hopeful that a breakthrough was still possible, but they said they had no new evidence about their military personnel and emphasised that the next *move was up to the Shia* Muslim captors.

Baghdad poor get handouts

From REUTER
IN BAGHDAD

IMPOVERISHED Iraqis living in the Baghdad suburb of Saddam city queued for United Nations food handouts yesterday and urged the security council to lift the year-old trade blockade.

As the security council prepared to vote on allowing Iraq to sell oil to buy food and essential supplies, a newspaper, *Bail*, run by President Saddam Hussein's oldest son, Uday, called for a fresh start in Iraqi-American relations, with a veiled appeal for Washington to make the first move. As foreign journalists watched, men, women and children designated as destitute by the government lined up to accept bags of UN flour.

"Let the foreign countries lift the blockade," Yasmin Asi said. "We have money and oil to pay for our food." The profit resulting from the adoption of the UN resolution permitting the sale of Iraqi oil worth up to $1.6 billion (£947 million) will go into a UN account, with just over $1 billion being used to buy food.

The handout took place at a distribution centre at the al-Rashid home for old men in the northeastern suburb of Saddam city, where almost half the capital's 85,000 destitute live. "The food distribution started in the country as early as June but this is the first distribution here in Saddam city," the acting director of operations for UN's World Food Programme in Iraq told reporters.

Muhammad Saleheen said distribution, handled by the Iraqi labour and social affairs ministry, had begun at three other centres in the capital within the past ten days. Many of those queuing for food said that even with handouts, including oil, rice, canned fish, milk powder and sugar, they *would not have enough to live* on.

Spectre of a spy at talks table

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

PROSPECTS of a multinational hostage swap in the Middle East have not gone unnoticed in one solitary confinement cell at the American federal penitentiary in Marion, Illinois, south of Chicago.

As President Bush and Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, discovered yesterday, just when they thought they were nearing an agreement to free their captive nationals in Lebanon, an embarrassing but persistent episode in American-Israeli relations has returned to plague them.

It is now nearly six years since Jonathan Pollard, an intelligence analyst working for the US Navy, began a life sentence after his conviction for spying for Israel. Yesterday his supporters launched a fresh campaign to have his release linked to that of American hostages, Israeli prisoners and Shia Lebanese detainees.

Pollard's rabbi, Abraham Weiss, wrote in a letter to President Bush yesterday: "You have asked, Mr President, that Israel release some of their captives as a gesture of good faith. We ask that you do the same; that you commute Pollard's sentence to time served as America's reciprocal gesture to Israel."

A similar appeal was made by Pollard's elderly parents in Indiana, who wrote imploring Mr Shamir not to "sit idly by your brother's blood", and said their suffering had been compounded by Israel's apparent indifference to their son's plight. The latest campaign to free Pollard, aged 37, who will be eligible for parole only in 2015, follows a series of other failed attempts by his supporters in the American-Jewish community to link his freedom to other prisoner exchanges, most recently with a KGB agent jailed in Israel for spying for the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Weiss called for a political agreement between Israel and the United States to allow Pollard to begin a new life in the Jewish state.

Pollard's supporters in America appear recently to have gained greater support from the Jewish community, which at first hesitated over an issue which raised the question of dual loyalty to America and Israel. But the real problem is expected to be the attitude of the Israeli government, which has consistently refused to discuss the matter out of concern for its strategic relationship with Washington.

Although Pollard provided the Jewish state with valuable American intelligence on Arab countries during the 18 months he worked for the navy, including information used in the Israeli bombing of the PLO headquarters in Tunis in 1985, the damage he caused American-Israeli relations was far greater and longer lasting. As though to confirm the continued sensitivity in Israel, Moshe Arens, the defence minister, made it clear, earlier this week, that on no account would the present government raise with Washington the issue of Pollard's release.

Spreading the word: David Waite, left, and cousin John sending encouragement to Terry Waite and other hostages in Lebanon

Family broadcasts message of hope to Waite

By JAMIE DETTMER

A MESSAGE of hope was broadcast yesterday to Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy held captive by Islamic Jihad, on the BBC World Service by his brother, David, and cousin, John.

Speaking on the programme *Outlook*, David Waite echoed the words of the freed hostage John McCarthy when he told his brother: "I think there is nothing better I could say than, keep the faith."

Mr Waite's family are hopeful he would have heard the five-minute broadcast on a radio provided by his captors. David Waite said: "I hope he is aware of the love and concern that we all have for him, not just the Waite family, but people throughout the United Kingdom and, indeed, throughout the world. They are praying for him daily."

The programme, which opened with Terry Waite's favourite piece of music, Bach's *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor*, also contained messages of encouragement to the American hostage Thomas Sutherland from his family in Scotland.

John Waite, a broadcaster, asked whether the negotiations in Geneva could be seen as a deal with the hostage-takers. David Waite replied: "I am not so sure about that. ... In the end, if these negotiations go to plan, the ultimate winners will be the families."

McCarthy to leave sanctuary

John McCarthy, who has been resting and undergoing medical tests at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, since he was released from captivity in Lebanon a week ago, is expected to leave the base tomorrow. He has been receiving about 300 letters a day from wellwishers, an RAF spokesman said.

Mr McCarthy has remained with his father and brother in the officers' mess at the base, which he has described as a sanctuary. The journalist was in captivity in Beirut for five years and three months.

The facilities which had been provided by the RAF at Lyneham had played a "very necessary and important" part in Mr McCarthy's adjustment to freedom, the spokesman added.

Security alert

Istanbul — Turkish security forces were on alert yesterday to deal with expected protests marking the seventh anniversary of the birth of the military wing of the Kurdish Workers' party (PKK). Estimates say 939 civilians have died since 1984, mainly in attacks by the PKK

Assassin sought

Geneva — Swiss authorities launched a nationwide hunt for a man suspected of implication in the assassination of Shapour Bakhtiar, the former Iranian prime minister, after it was revealed the suspect, carrying a Turkish passport, had stayed in a Geneva hotel earlier this week. *(AP)*

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Best sellers that pack a strong female punch

Sara Paretsky, author of a novel which foreshadowed America's recent anti-abortion struggles, tells **Kate Muir** about putting a credible woman on paper

In Sara Paretsky's fourth detective novel, *Bitter Medicine*, there is a scene where hundreds of anti-abortion protesters blockade a clinic in one of the poorest parts of Chicago. Terrified patients escape through the back door as the anti-abortionists rush into the clinic, smash it up, and steal vital records. Private eye V.I. Warshawski, whose friend runs the clinic, goes to investigate . . .

Meanwhile, back in the real world this week, screaming protesters descend on three abortion clinics in Wichita, Kansas. More than 2,000 are arrested. The courts clog up. A federal judge serves an injunction to stop the anti-abortionists physically barring entrances and throwing themselves in front of patients' cars. Suddenly, the self-confessed "pro-life" Bush administration intervenes, and tells the judge his action was not justified on a legal technicality. The case will go to appeal. Hundreds of journalists go to Wichita to investigate . . .

Ms Paretsky shrugs off her prescience. "These protests have been happening for 15 years. They're organised. They pick small towns which are easier in terms of opposition and overload the courts. Right now everyone's taking notice because the president has intervened, but before, because middle class women had access to abortions, they thought there was no problem for anyone else." By putting her female detective in the front line a few years before this, Ms Paretsky tried to publicise the attacks on clinics.

While other best-selling authors indulge in hobbies such as golf and knitting, Ms Paretsky's idea of recreation is working for an abortion rights organisation. Aside from collecting the occasional book plot, she has worked on marketing strategies to get charitable donations, and helped to escort beleaguered patients through the yelling protesters. "Rabid people, with huge rolling eyes," she adds helpfully. The issue is much more polarised in the United States than in Britain. Already two states have tightened up the law to exclude abortions completely unless the mother's life is threatened.

Thus Ms Paretsky's former publisher, William Morrow, was a little tense about her third book, *Killing Orders*, when it found some "nasty references to the anti-abortion lobby in it", she says. Fearing bookshop boycotts similar to the successful ones against drug companies researching contraception, it asked her to cut the offending sentences. "I did agree, but I felt quite a lot of self-disgust for doing it." The comments were put back when Gollancz published it for the more liberal British. Emboldened by that, Ms Paretsky decided to go the whole way, and make abortion a central issue in the next Warshawski case. There was not a peep out of her publisher, and to her surprise, the book made *The New York Times* best seller list.

Logically, the doses of politics and feminism that intersperse her six detective novels should keep them off best seller lists, and away from Hollywood Pictures, which releases the *V.I. Warshawski* film here in January. Logically, Ms Paretsky should not be giving a literary lecture with Antonia Fraser at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow on choosing female characters. The odds were low, when Ms Paretsky started writing, that readers would appreciate a whisky-drinking, street-fighting, well-dressed, hard-nosed female detective, and to make her of Polish-Italian origin and call her Victoria Iphigenia was pushing the limit.

But Ms Paretsky has — and obviously had — huge confidence. She is as direct and witty as her female lead. Although charming and elegant, with a weakness for antique jewellery, she is a lady with whom you would not mess. "I think that's why people like V.I. She's empowering. She's tough, independent, and she solves her own cases. I had to create her. I was so sick of the way women are depicted, not just in crime fiction. There are always two types: the sexually active woman who is by definition evil, and the chaste woman who is unable to solve any problems. Neither of them is credible." Warshawski, however, combines both. She solves problems *and* gets the man (or men). Miss Marple eat your heart out.

What adds to Warshawski's credibility rating is her less-than-pristine household and behaviour. She is rather chic, but often finds, as we all do, that her running clothes are a little cheesy again, and lying on her bedroom floor. Philip Marlowe never gave us this kind of insight. Take some lines from the most recent novel, *Burn Marks* (Virago, £4.99). "I wandered moodily into the kitchen. After all this time any resemblance between the stuff in my refrigerator and human food was purely coincidental." Readers nod sympathetically.

> *'I met this pretty redhead, who used to let men buy her drinks, and if they made a move on her, she'd beat them up. It was a hobby'*

Later, our heroine has some champagne after a week of the usual burglaries, beatings and escapes from burning buildings. She awakes, alone. "With the better part of a bottle swelling my cytoplasm, I wished I could spend the next twelve hours unconscious. Instead I staggered into the kitchen looking for orange juice. The maid or wife or whoever looked after these things hadn't been to the store yet. I thought about going out myself, but the idea of being in direct sunlight made me feel so ill I had to sit down."

Being a man on the receiving end of Warshawski's tongue is generally unpleasant. When a criminal asks her at gunpoint if she wants her jaw broken she answers: "Of course I don't, Michael, but I have to wonder if beating me while I'm defenceless would make you feel powerful or ashamed?" Then she breaks his knee. Sartorially, the ride for others is no easier. "Vinnie was in sandals and jeans and a Grateful Dead T-shirt — I hadn't known he could dress for comfort."

So the snigger-alonga-Warshawski aspect is pleasurable, as are the free tours of Chicago inherent in reading any of the novels. She does for modern Chicago's seedier parts what Raymond Chandler does for art deco Los Angeles. After university, Ms Paretsky moved to the city to work variously as a conference manager, a freelance business writer and the sales promotion manager for a large insurance company. She started writing, and when she got bored with being polite to her boss, she went full-time.

The experience has not been wasted, since Warshawski's speciality is white-collar crime. "I thought it would help to differentiate her." Post-gangster Chicago has plenty of political corruption, dodgy building deals and insurance frauds, which furnish near-libellous plots for novels. "I just wish I could get my mind round the BCCI scandal, but it's too complicated. Same thing with the Savings and Loan collapse when I was looking for a plot for *Guardian Angel* [published later this year]. But it was geographically wrong because the corruption happened in the big Reagan states like California, Texas and Colorado, not here in Illinois. Besides, I didn't want to sully Chicago any further."

Following a back injury which put her out of action for a year, Ms Paretsky found *Guardian Angel* hard going over two years. "I was behind on my contract deadline and feeling panicked and desperate. I wrote 150 pages and knew it wasn't working, but I kept trying. Finally I had to pitch the lot and start again." One more Warshawski book has been commissioned, and then Ms Paretsky says she may write something else. "Having an established character helps; it's a crutch, and I won't know if I can do anything different until I start writing."

Another character will probably be further from her own. Ms Paretsky admits that like the detective, she has been known to dine on peanut butter and malt whisky, and she rarely makes her bed. The author is 44, her character is now 40. They both have golden retrievers, Peppy in fiction and Cardhu (after the malt whisky) in fact. Neither has children, but Ms Paretsky is married and has two stepsons. When readers enquire about her lax attitude to housework, they sometimes ask: "But what did you teach your children?" "I taught them to keep their bedroom doors shut when company was coming," she answers.

Normally she enjoys the feedback. "A group of women from south Chicago came to one of my readings. All their husbands had been unemployed for five or ten years after the steel industry closed, and they were working double shifts as waitresses and stuff. They said they hadn't read a book since high school, until they heard *Toxic Shock* was set in their neighbourhood. They bought it, and then they bought all my books, and said they found V.I., who comes from that area, inspiring."

The film of the book is less inspiring. Basically Ms Paretsky sold Disney's Hollywood Pictures the rights and left them to get on with it. The American reviews were not enthusiastic, although Kathleen Turner's portrayal of Warshawski was praised. This is the film blurb: "A tough-talking, fiercely independent, sexy PI, with a weakness for pretty shoes, Warshawski is armed with brains and seductive sex appeal." Note the two uses of sex; Disney was playing safe.

"When I heard it was Kathleen Turner I thought, 'Oh no'," Ms Paretsky says. "But when I met her a few times on the set I knew she did really want to play the character. She was right on target. She may have been very proud of her legs, but she fought for the character when they tried to tone it down. I discovered a staggering thing too — that they edit the film by committee. They test different versions on the public, and see what goes down best, instead of trying to create a market."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Sara Paretsky: "I had to create V.I. — I was so sick of the way women are depicted"

She supports the film because it is part of the *Thelma and Louise*, *Nikita*, and even *Terminator II* trend towards tough women characters. "I care passionately, generically, that strong women should be encouraged on screen." The film will also improve sales of her novels.

Warshawski's tough background and her ability to handle herself physically was modelled on a real south Chicago woman, a friend of Ms Paretsky's stepsons. "Growing up in that community, girls either had to have basic street-fighting skills, or have a man protect them, or else they were victimised. I met this pretty, small redhead with hair down to her knees who used to go to bars, let men buy her drinks, and if they made a move on her, she'd beat them up. It was her hobby."

With such models for Warshawski, the reader might think it fair to describe the novels in the words avoided so far — feminist thrillers. Ms Paretsky is not having it. "I get uneasy with pigeonholing. If you're a white man, and you've written a book, you're a *writer*. Everyone else has a label. Black woman writer. Feminist Hispanic writer. If they're going to call me a feminist detective novelist, it is only fair that writers like Saul Bellow or Josef Skvorecky are described as the male chauvinist writer and the male piglet writer."

Saul Bellow lives across the road from Ms Paretsky in Chicago. He has not yet acknowledged her in the street. Safer not to, really.

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Newspaper with street cred

How a new tabloid monthly aims to aid the homeless, attract the 'socially conscious' and make a profit

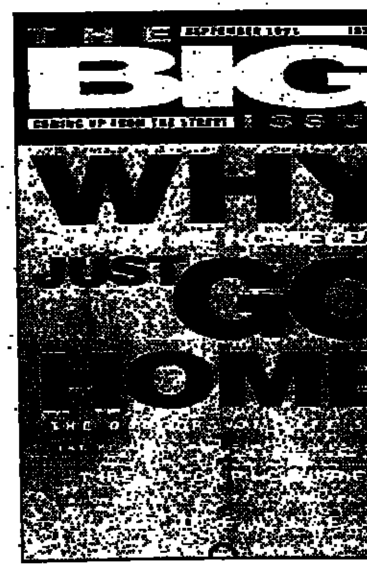
Asking the homeless which newspapers they prefer to read is like asking people with one leg shorter than the other if there is a newspaper they, as a group, prefer. So says the editor of *The Big Issue*, a "socially conscious" monthly tabloid which will be sold by the homeless in aid of the homeless from September 10.

"The homeless are just like us, except they've fallen on bad circumstances," says John Bird, the editor and a former runaway who slept on the streets of London as a teenager in the 1960s before moving on to write plays, start up arts magazines and work in aid of the homeless. "Very few can afford to buy a newspaper, but of all the copies that end up in the bins, some read *The Sun*, some read *The Guardian* and others no doubt read *The Times*."

Devoted to social and environmental issues such as safe sex and green policing, *The Big Issue* is not going to pander to a homeless readership. "We're not going to write about where is the best place to park your cardboard box. That would just be offensive," says Mr Bird, who has previously written advice pamphlets on homelessness for Citizens Advice Bureaux. "But we will challenge prejudices and preconceptions expressed about the homeless." The main feature in the first issue is headlined "Why don't the homeless just go home?".

The Big Issue, initiated by Anita and Gordon Roddick of the Body Shop, is aimed at 18 to 40-year-olds who have a social conscience, enjoy the arts, and frequent London restaurants, cinemas, clubs and theatres. "We did badly when we tried to sell dummies at Bank tube station," Mr Bird says. "I guess those people are too concerned with their mortgages and investments. But in Camden Town, Earls Court, Notting Hill, Islington and the West End, there's a tremendous amount of interest. We're aiming at people who are a bit more open-minded about life."

Ben Langdon, the executive business director of Still Price: Lintas, the advertising agency helping to launch *The Big Issue*, says: "It may be sold by the homeless but it's meant to be a good read for everybody. It's got a streetwise, modern design, and its content is a mix between *Guardian Weekend*, *Time Out*, *City Limits* and *NME*."



Socially conscious: the first cover

Articles in the September issue include a review of the Pop Art exhibition at the Royal Academy, an article by Mrs Roddick on "social commitment", and an article on safe sex.

Already the 28-page *Big Issue* has secured six pages of advertising (the target is 12), including a full-page ad from Coca-Cola, says Still Price: Lintas, which is donating a poster campaign and cinema commercial to support the launch. It has also attracted a number of corporate sponsors at £1,000 each. Mr Langdon says a lot of advertisers think it is good for their corporate image to be linked to the magazine, which will have an initial print run of 50,000.

About 100 of London's 75,000 homeless will sell the paper, working in trained teams of five or ten, and keeping 40p of the 50p cover price of each paper sold. The remaining 10p will go to housing and training organisations to cover administrative expenses.

All profits from advertising and sponsorship will be used to train homeless people as writers, photographers, designers, computer operators, desk-top publishers and office workers. The full-colour tabloid-cum-magazine expects to be making a profit by November, when it will begin channelling its homeless vendors into special courses set up by organisations such as Shelter, Centrepoint, London Connection and New Horizon.

Those homeless who graduate from writing or photography training will be able to submit articles and photos to *The Big Issue*. "There are not enough places for everyone," says Phil Ryan, the deputy editor, but he hopes to create places elsewhere for the "graduates".

The vendors, who will be chosen and recommended by organisations involved with the homeless, will be required to put part of the money they earn into an accommodation fund set up by a participating building society. "Having a lot of cash around all of a sudden can lead to problems," Mr Bird says.

The Body Shop has put up the initial funding, but the cost of producing the newspaper — £2,600 a page — will be covered by advertising revenue. "Editorially and in every other way, the Roddicks are taking a back seat," Mr Bird says.

Mr Roddick thought of the paper after seeing *Street News*, a 150,000 circulation paper sold in aid of New York's homeless. Mr Bird is keen to point out *The Big Issue*'s differences, however. "Our mini-market research in the US showed us that people buy *Street News* only because they feel sorry for the guy, but as soon as they buy it, they shove it in the nearest litter bin," he says. "We don't want to do that. We are producing a paper that the homeless are proud to sell and the general public is proud to buy."

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

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LONDON GALLERIES

Shadow boxing beside the Thames

John Russell Taylor on Britain's first sight of China's most eminent sculptor, plus a show that is literally a box of artful delights

DEE CONWAY

Exercise under the trees: South Bank strollers admire *T'ai chi thrust* (centre) and *T'ai chi harmony* (right), outside the Festival Hall

There is something rather confusing about encountering an important artist for the first time in mid-career. **Ju Ming**, though undoubtedly the most famous and successful Chinese sculptor of the 20th century, is still, at the age of 53 and with a seemingly endless list of one-man shows in the United States and the Far East, completely unknown in Britain. The new show of a dozen large bronzes on the riverside terrace outside the Festival Hall is a spectacular introduction. But how important is it that we should know what came before?

These bronzes all belong to one series of works by Ju Ming that connected in various ways with the attitudes and movements of t'ai chi, the distinctive form of Chinese shadow boxing which is regarded as a spiritual as well as a physical exercise. Since much is done virtually in slow motion, the attitudes are in themselves sculptural, and the loose-fitting garments that its exponents wear move and fall in a way which also lends itself to sculptural treatment.

Ju Ming is always representational, but in some of these sculptures only just perceptibly so: with care and attention (and a reasonable amount of imagination) one can work out that some of the "arches" are actually two figures caught, as in stop-motion photography, at a climactic moment in one of t'ai chi's speedier manoeuvres. Others are more easily readable as single figures, fixed in monumental repose. But there is never any detail of face or limb: rather, these are representations of a heroic ideal.

At this point it becomes useful to know how Ju Ming arrived at this style. He began as a wood carver and a potter. Some of his earliest works were similar to his most recent, except that they were much smaller and chopped roughly out of tree-trunks. A feeling of these wood-based beginnings remains in the recent work — one piece on the South Bank is in fact painted and patinated to make it resemble the large block of wood from which it was originally carved. (The point of making a bronze from it is not so much the possibility of editioning, as that the wood, being uncured and still with its original bark, is much less durable.) And although these are all definitely bronzes, they remain definably the work of a carver rather than a modeller: today, Ju Ming mostly carves in styrofoam and takes the mould for the bronze from that.

But then, Ju Ming is also a skilled modeller. In 1988 there was a large Hong Kong exhibition of his ceramic pieces, mostly based on the idea and the physical actuality of fish, and these were extremely expressive. Between the early wood figures and the recent bronzes he went through two extensive series called "Living World". The earlier, by which he first became known in America, was an extension of the wood-carving technique to embrace colour, and introduced a strongly theatrical element by grouping numbers of figures together into loose families.

Following around 1985, the second series were bronzes, life-size or larger, and based this time on ceramic technique. The bodies were put together from roughly modelled sections which, to British spectators of a certain generation, might slightly suggest Bill and Ben, the Flowerpot Men. He has recently embarked on a third series of "Living World", this time made of rolled steel, processed in a machine of his own devising which rolls and cuts sheet steel rather as one opens a tin of sardines.

Knowing all this is useful in approaching the t'ai chi sculptures, but not essential: they speak eloquently for themselves. In the past Ju Ming has worked successfully on an intimate scale, both in wood and ceramic; these recent bronzes, though, are conceived on a monumental scale, and sustain it triumphantly. He is completely Chinese in his background and formation, born and trained in Taiwan, but he has found a highly personal way of transcending national barriers, unmistakably Chinese and yet speaking a language the world can understand. We are making his acquaintance late in the day, but once known he is unlikely to be forgotten.

At the other end of the size range comes another absorbing show of sculpture, **Art in Boxes**, at England & Co just off Westbourne Grove. Anyone knowing the gallery's quite modestly sized premises might look askance at the catalogue, and wonder how on earth 147 works could be shoehorned into them. The answer is obvious: every work included is highly concentrated. This is the second of what promises to be an annual event. An astonishing variety of style and approach has been applied, but to the same basic formula: that everything must be in, or in the form of, a box.

Some artists, such as Eduardo Paolozzi, have built very strange boxes: Paolozzi's is in the shape of a Cubist elephant. Others have considered the box merely as a frame, within which can be placed all sorts of other objects and images.

The two most important models for makers of art boxes seem to be Joseph Cornell or Louise Nevelson, depending on whether they incline more to the autobiographical or the abstract. Most of the 67 artists represented here fully realise that it is not enough to put together in a box miscellaneous objects culled from bottom drawers, or for that matter spindles and winches and other odds and ends of treen, and expect that they will speak to strangers. Some of these boxes are satirical, some surreal and some symbolic, though it is seldom easy to say of what. Among my favourites are William Belcher's *Lion Game*, in which a painted lion gazes out, deeply unamused, from a game-board inviting participation without comprehension, and Alex Simpson's *Silhouette Box*, in which profile figures lurk — now you see them, now you don't — behind spindly Post-Modern columns. With so many to choose from, all tastes should find something to satisfy.

Ju Ming: transcending national barriers

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PROMS

Czech on Mersey sounds

High on anybody's list of rediscovered masterpieces revealed at this season's Proms (Albert Hall/Radio 3) must be Josef Suk's *Asrael Symphony*. Suk was one of the two leading composers remaining in Czechoslovakia after Dvořák's death in 1904, and it was as a posthumous tribute to his teacher that Suk embarked on this brooding work.

As **Libor Pešek**'s performance showed, in the first of his pair of concerts with the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra**, the symphony both sustains an impressive consistency of tone, albeit with contrasts of texture and metre, and seizes the imagination with remarkable dramatic gestures.

If the consolation of the final C major is hard won, radiating a sense of deep peace, the ending of Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony the following night similarly avoided self-pity. In Pešek's hands this "Pathétique" had a noble funereal tread. The humidity on Wednesday may have been partly responsible for some brass fluffs, and from a seat to one side orchestral balances were disturbingly distorted. But Pešek's skilful shaping of lines continually had one listening to familiar phrases with fresh ears.

That had been even more the case in an extraordinary performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto with **Ralph Kirshbaum** as the soloist. The opening statement was halted by Kirshbaum with a pensive pause that was mirrored in the orchestral response. Soloist and conductor then held us in thrall for the entire movement with the quiet intensity of their introspective dialogue.

What commended itself most of all in this absorbing performance was that none of the interpretative gestures, startling as they were, smacked of artifice. This was poetry flowing freely from the artists' imagination.

The remaining items over the two evenings were Henri Dutilleux's *Mystère de l'instant*, a succession of ten contrasting but closely integrated sound images, and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor, of which **John Lill** offered a characteristically thoughtful, impeccably executed account.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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RECORDS: ROCK

How to be heavy and excessful

Metallica: Metallica
(Vertigo 510 022-2)
Mudhoney: Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge
(Sub Pop R18/160)
Kool & The Gang: Great and Remixed '91
(Mercury 848 604-2)

In their salad days, Metallica were the Ramones of heavy metal: so extreme that their performances verged on caricature, so awe-inspiring that an entire sub-genre, known as thrash, materialised in their slipstream. Their albums now sell by the millions and the current single, "Enter Sandman", scaled the UK Top Five, but access to the mainstream has honed rather than diminished their instinct for excess. The all-black cover of their fifth long player, *Metallica*, may be reminiscent of Spinal Tap's magnum opus, but the music is no joke. Built from guitar riffs and drum motifs of preternatural gravity, this collection has about it the terrible, leisurely beauty of an atomic explosion.

The vaguely libertarian lyrics advocate a noble, unforgiving barbarism — "In wildness is the preservation of the world" — but there is nothing disorganised or remotely undisciplined about this assortment of songs. On the contrary, like Led Zeppelin before them, Metallica have recognised the value of delicate acoustic interludes, appealing harmonic progressions and an elegant precision of design as essential components of any album where the ultimate aim is the delivery of a juddering megaton-riff payload.

Metallica appeals to that part of the psyche that finds the violent certainties and casual cruelty of a Schwarzenegger movie beguiling. As a cultural experience it has its limitations, but as an exercise in musical *force majeure* it is little short of perfection.

Mudhoney, the leading lights of the celebrated Seattle-based Sub Pop label, like to think that they make a tough noise, but compared to Metallica they are just fooling around. *Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge* is post-hardcore rock at its least digestible, a mulish mixture of punk-metal guitar and carelessly-pitched vocals harnessed to slipshod arrangements and a wilfully lousy production. Even the best tunes are torpedoed by the amateurish scramble to make an impression.

Less than three years after *The Singles Collection*, a bunch of the best known **Kool & The Gang** songs surfaces again, remixed by three of the hottest producers of the day, Ben Liebrand, Oliver Momm and Youth. On *Great and Remixed '91*, "Ladies Night" and the inevitable "Celebration" are bolstered by some really old material, including the first two US hits, "Funky Stuff" (1973) and "Jungle Boogie" (1974). This throws an illuminating perspective on the two very distinct phases of Kool & The Gang's career: the early material boasting lots of raucous chants, choppy bass-drum kicks and crisp horn section motifs, while the later material is guided by a metronomic pulse, smooth washes of keyboards and the slick soul vocals of James Taylor.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

- **Diana Ross** flies in for dates to promote her 58th album release, *The Force Behind the Power*. Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) November 14, 15, 16; and the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham (021-780 4133) November 18, 19.
- A warrant for the arrest of **Guns N' Roses** vocalist **Axl Rose** has finally been issued. This follows the riot at the group's concert in St Louis, Missouri on July 2, when an estimated $200,000 (£120,000) worth of damage was caused and more than 60 people injured. Rose has been charged with four counts of assault and one of property damage. If found guilty he could face a maximum prison sentence of four-and-a-half years. Assuming bail conditions are favourable, the group's date at Wembley Stadium on August 31 will go ahead as planned. Support groups confirmed for the gig are **Skid Row** and **Nine Inch Nails**.

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WOOLWORTHS

Philip Howard

Where did this odd word come from? A little birdie told me

On the anniversary of Queen Victoria's death, her children used to visit the mausoleum at Frogmore. One year, as they knelt in prayer, a dove came into the mausoleum, and flew round and round. "It is dear Mamma's spirit," they murmured, superstitiously. "No, I am sure it is not," contradicted Princess Louise. "It *must* be dear Mamma's spirit," they persisted. "No, it isn't," said Princess Louise. "Dear *Mamma's* spirit would never have ruined Beatrice's hat." The source for this bird-in-the-belfry story was Prince Henry, later the rude old Duke of Gloucester.

It is the jizz of doves to symbolise the Holy Ghost, the soul, peace, tenderness, innocence, and gentleness for humans. Its name probably comes from the teutonic and means "diver-bird", perhaps from its habit of ducking its head, as though about to take the plunge.

But whence and what this "jizz", the jargon of twitchers, bird-lovers and countryside spotters generally? It was first described by T.A. Coward in *Bird Haunts and Nature Memories*, with frontispiece by Archibald Thorburn, a feathered-friendly classic published as long ago as 1922. "A West Coast Irishman was familiar with the wild creatures which dwelt on or visited his rocks and shores; at a glance he could name them, usually correctly, but if asked how he knew them would reply, 'By their jizz'."

So what is jizz? Coward tried to give the answer. It means the characteristic impression given by a bird, and later by an animal or plant. The spelling was uncertain. Probably its inventor, whoever he was, could not have informed us. Possibly the word had never been written down before Coward, so he felt justified in spelling it as it sounded. He had not coined it, but how wide its use was in Ireland, he could not say. It may have had its origin in this one fertile Celtic brain, or it may have been handed down from father to son for many generations. "One thing is certain; it is short and expressive."

If we are walking on the road and see, far ahead, someone whom we recognise although we can neither distinguish features nor particular clothes, we may be certain that we are not mistaken. There is something in the carriage, the walk, the general appearance which is familiar. Perhaps we are in love. It is, in short, the individual's jizz.

Jizz is not confined to birds. Small mammals and plants are said to have it. Even some inanimate objects have it. A single characteristic may supply it, or it may be the combination of many; it may be produced by no single particular.

Humans have always been fascinated by talking birds. Augustus had a collection of them, and used to buy for large sums birds that had been specially trained to make flattering remarks about him in Latin. A poor cobbler bought a raven, and set about teaching it to butter up the emperor. But the bird was a slow learner, and the cobbler used to grumble at it: "Nothing to show for all that trouble and expense."

One day Augustus was passing, and the bird started to repeat its lesson. For once the emperor declined to buy, saying: "I get enough compliments at home." The bird, carried away by the talk, croaked: "Nothing to show for all that trouble and expense." Augustus, who must have had a bit of a sense of humour to employ Horace, was so amused that he bought the bird. Plutarch did not have a Greek word for jizz when he told the story. But the jizz of that raven was unmistakable.

Two faces of murder: a case of female revenge and a killer's own story

Gender is no justification

Are the courts harder on women who commit violent acts than they are on men? Certainly. Does this lead to injustice in prosecution and sentencing? Almost undoubtedly. Should we then accept Sara Thornton's argument that she was provoked into killing her husband even though the act was premeditated to the extent that she sharpened a knife for the purpose? No, I don't think so.

It is not that a pattern of behaviour over a long period cannot be "provocation": many wife-killers are treated leniently precisely because they have been subjected to years of whatever has caused them to erupt in uncontrollable rage.

It is not the length of Mrs Thornton's torment or the gradualness of what her defence counsel called "the slow-burning emotion suffered by a woman driven to the end of her tether" that is at issue. Those who argue in this way for a fairer treatment of women who commit violence are confusing the question of what counts as provocation with the question of what it means to *act* under provocation.

No one disputes that Mr Thornton's actions provoked his wife, quite possibly to the point where she might understandably have fatally attacked him. But the point is that she did not strike in the heat of immediate provocation, but later, when, as she herself says, she had had time to "cool down".

Indeed, in the most recent instance of wife-killing, which has been held up as a contrast to the Thornton case (and moved Sara Thornton to go on hunger strike), Mr Justice Popplewell seemed to be influenced in his leniency by the length of time a man had endured his alcoholic wife's behaviour. But more to the point, was the fact that when Joseph McGrail assaulted the woman he lived with, he was judged to be "*temporarily out of control*".

Feminist apologists claim that this is a hopeless loading of the dice. Women are simply not able to kill men in the heat of the moment. A brutal husband will always be able to overpower his wife. Even an attempt at self-defence would put her in mortal danger. Premeditation is a woman's only chance, so allowance should be made for her deliberation. But someone taking planned revenge on a spouse is not committing the same crime as someone spontaneously attacking in a fit of mindless rage.

Thelma and Louise: rallying feminists to bloody vengeance

To classify acts like Sara Thornton's as manslaughter is to define the crime of murder almost out of existence. Premeditated revenge is one of the main motivations for domestic murder. Quite often, there are mitigating factors that make the act understandable and the perpetrator sympathetic. Such hard cases suggest some obvious remedies, such as doing away with the mandatory life sentence for murder (which would also help in cases of "mercy killing").

The American system, in which there are degrees of murder — with first degree being the most inexcusable and carrying mandatory life imprisonment (or, in some states, the death sentence) — permits just the kind of latitude that we seem to need in cases where we want to differentiate between more and less sympathetic crimes, without dismantling the notion of murder.

For feminists to campaign for the law to discriminate on the basis of gender is foolish and dangerous. Individual life histories should always be considered when sentencing, but what constitutes a crime cannot be redefined for different social groups without creating different classes of citizenship and, what should be most important to thinking women, different levels of moral responsibility.

To encode gender differences in law would reinforce the conception of women as passive and in need of preferential treatment, when what we should be demanding is full responsibility for our own actions. It is because of lack of self-determination that women so often find themselves on the receiving end of brutality. What we need is not an additional prop to dependency, but help to stand on our own feet.

Of course, victimisation breeds a lust for vengeance. The feminist cult film, *Thelma and Louise*, in which an attempted rape is held to vindicate two women going on a homicidal rampage against men, is being greeted with ecstatic cheering from female partisans in cinemas. The apologia for this ideological bloodbath is that it is justifiable retribution: having given up hope of fair treatment from men, women must seek their own justice. The very indiscriminateness of the killing takes on a symbolic significance: women are killed and maimed in just such an indiscriminate way by male attackers acting out their own generalised hatred.

It is odd that the reaction of feminists to this odyssey of reprisal should be euphoria rather than anger at its degrading obsession with vengeance. There is a parallel here with the Thornton campaign. Women are to be excused because of their disadvantage. But it is perennial victims who dream of revenge. The self-respecting demand only justice.

Janet Daley

Inside the mind of a serial killer

As Donald Leroy Evans confesses to 60 murders, **William Cash** describes his encounter with the Sunset Slayer

The day after *The Silence of the Lambs* opened in London, an airmail envelope arrived on my desk postmarked San Quentin, California. Inside was a neatly typed letter from Douglas Clark (address: Death Row, San Quentin Prison, California) politely submitting an unsolicited article on serial killers to *The Times*. He wanted no payment, and asked only that we send him a copy of the relevant issue if the piece were published, "as I cannot obtain your fine journal at my present address".

The letter was not a hoax. Although Clark never bragged to police of killing more than 60 victims, like the latest American serial killer to be caught, Donald Leroy Evans, he is one of America's most notorious convicted murderers of the last decade. A call to Don Lindsey, assistant to the warden of San Quentin prison, confirmed that 43-year-old Clark is currently awaiting execution for the murder in 1980 of six young women whom he picked up on Hollywood's garish Sunset Strip and shot as they had sex with him (hence his nickname, the "Sunset Slayer"). Clark subsequently told the prison officer in his cell that he had submitted an article to *The Times*.

His 900-word article, entitled "A Fatal Attraction", is fluently written and argues that an increase in the number of state executions would lead to an epidemic of serial killings, since many mass killers, such as Ted Bundy, view the prospect of the electric chair as the biggest thrill of all. "Death", he wrote, "is the object, not a dreaded consequence, to the killers' minds." Criminologists such as Colin Wilson, co-author of *The Encyclopaedia of Modern Murder*, have commented on the death-wish factor of some mass killers for more than a decade.

Clark's arguments are less interesting than the revelations about his mind in his subsequent correspondence with me over the last two months. Serial killers are invariably driven to their atrocities out of a sense of injured identity, often rooted in sexual abuse as a child. Their crimes are usually a macabre quest for recognition, with the media interest in each killing bolstering their self-esteem. A serial killer's crimes often fit a pattern, precisely because he wants to be recognised as the same killer — hence the tabloid nicknames: "Sunset Slayer", "Skid Row Slasher", "Yorkshire Ripper".

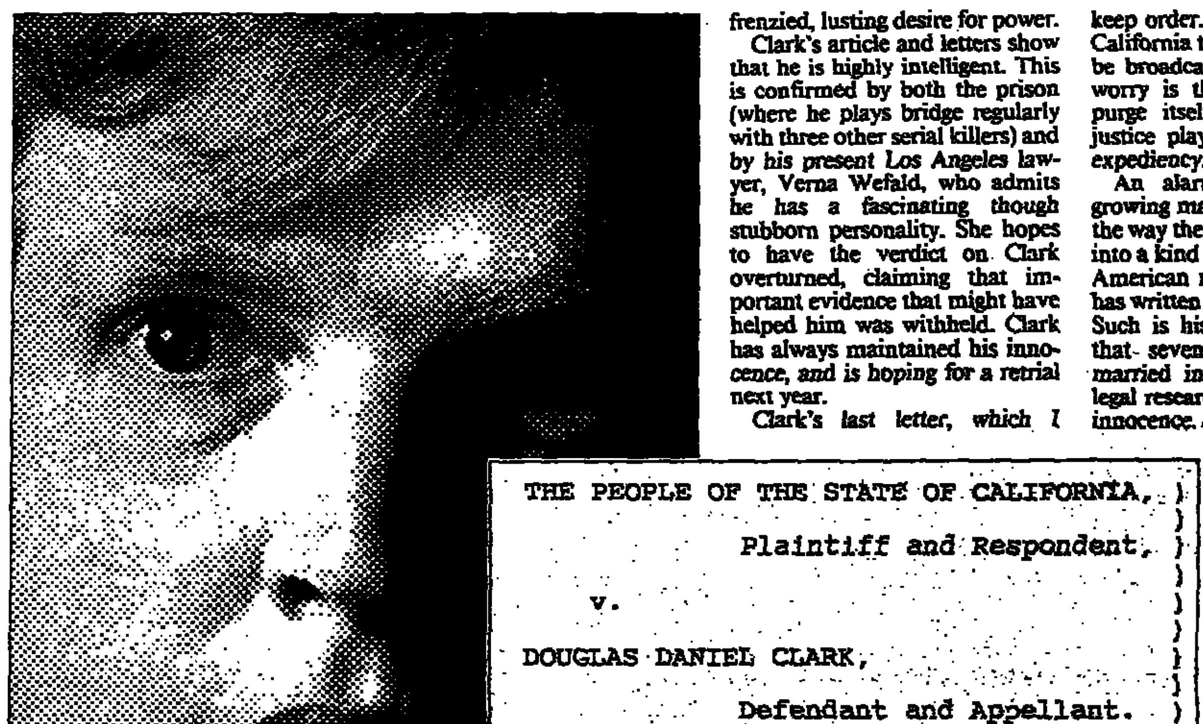
The number of victims claimed by Donald Leroy Evans may well turn out to be a warped form of publicity seeking. It is as if serial killers are competing with each other to get into *The Guinness Book of Records*.

While many have sent notes to the police (Jack the Ripper) or newspaper editors (Son of Sam), revealing their urge to be "somebody", the submission of a cogent article to *The Times* is thought to be unique. Colin Wilson can think of no murderer who has offered to write feature articles for a national newspaper before. The only precedent is the Moors murderer Ian Brady, who wrote to the letters page of the *Daily Mirror*.

Clark's 20-page correspondence with *The Times* is a classic example of what Colin Wilson calls "the Roman emperor syndrome". Many killers have delusions of grandeur, behaving like Caligula and regarding their victims as symptoms of a diseased and inferior world. Representing himself at his trial, Clark told the jury: "I don't march to the same drummer you do. If we were all like me, Sodom and Gomorrah might look a nice place to stay."

The symptoms of this affliction are a dangerous cocktail of intelligence and arrogance, spiked with boredom and lassitude brought about by the artificiality and impersonality of modern life. The disposition of the young Mozart or the selfish and tyrannical Picasso is similar in some respects, but in other cases (especially among those deprived or beaten as children), it breeds a frenzied, lusting desire for power.

Clark's article and letters show that he is highly intelligent. This is confirmed by both the prison (where he plays bridge regularly with three other serial killers) and by his present Los Angeles lawyer, Verna Wefald, who admits he has a fascinating though stubborn personality. She hopes to have the verdict on Clark overturned, claiming that important evidence that might have helped him was withheld. Clark has always maintained his innocence, and is hoping for a retrial next year.



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Letter to *The Times*: Clark wants a retrial

Clark's last letter, which I received on Wednesday, was the most revealing. Since his typewriter has broken, he wrote ten large pages in black biro, in a stylish, clear hand. His spelling and grammar are perfect. He ends by saying that he will write again soon with another piece he has written recently on the "copycat" phenomenon, which is "awesomely popular in the USA".

The media interest in both Evans and the Milwaukee murderer, Jeffrey Dahmer, gives an indication of the scale of the wave of terror that serial killers are causing in America. This fear is combined with a growing lack of confidence in the police. In the 16th century, the way of dealing with a spate of killings was to find a suitable culprit and execute him or her as publicly and ghoulishly as possible. Terror was used to keep order. Now it is mooted in California that executions should be broadcast on television. The worry is that society's *need* to purge itself of evil will mean justice playing second fiddle to expediency.

An alarming aspect of the growing mania of serial killing is the way the killer has been turned into a kind of lone folk-hero. The American magazine *Vanity Fair* has written about Clark at length. Such is his magnetism, indeed, that seven years ago he was married inside the prison to a legal researcher convinced of his innocence. She did not know him before he was arrested. "We got married in the room next to the gas chamber," his wife told me from her Arizona home. "I guess it wasn't too romantic."

On death row, Clark began a romantic correspondence with another serial killer, Veronica Compton, sending her a photo of one of his victims. Such a trophy fosters the twisted sense of achievement of such people.

An obsession with photography is another trait of the serial killer. Dahmer's flat was apparently found to be filled with snapshots of dismembered victims; Nilsen loved to film with a cine-camera.

Sexual perversion has been a powerful motivating force for many of the 20th century's mass killers. The desire for danger, pleasure and excitement exalt them beyond the mundane.

Once the bridge between fantasy and reality is crossed by such men, killing becomes a compulsion. Killers hunger for publicity because newspaper fame momentarily massages their egos and pain. By submitting an article to *The Times*, Clark may make at least the clinical history books.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

You never hear anything about kamikaze ground crew. They are the unsung madmen. They are the demented heroes who having nurtured and protected young pilots until they achieve their combat peak, then check their kit, steady their nerves, tie the bright bandanas around their heads, hand them their mascots, kiss them on both cheeks, strap them into their cockpits, wave them on their way, and weepingly watch them disappear into the cerulean welkin.

When they have reached optimum height, the young pilots then bomb the ground crew. If all the ground crew do not perish in the bombing, the young pilots do an Immelmann turn, peel off, and come in low, strafing what is left. After that, the young pilots do a safe three-point landing somewhere nice, and go off for bacon and eggs.

The ground crew know this is going to happen, but they punctiliously perform their suicidal duties nonetheless. That is what kamikaze is all about. When the divine wind blows, you say goodbye to your hat.

Even as I write, Victoria's bombs are falling. They are a cannily mixed load, incendiary, high explosive, fragmentation, bouncing, poisonous, but what they have in common is that they are all anti-personnel. I know this, because I am not only a member of the ground crew who helped her load up, I am also the personnel they are anti. I and her mother. And her brother. Plus a few of her closer relatives and friends, a number of schoolteachers, a kindly nannie or two, and anyone else unlucky enough to have been selected as the target for tonight. And many a night to come. For this is no lone mission, this is a blitz. This is blanket-bombing. This is a thousand-joke raid.

This is the Edinburgh Fringe.

A couple of days ago, her mother and I took her to Heathrow, checked in her luggage, bought her some magazines, insured her life, and blew two air-sick pills down her throat. You do that if you are top ground crew, just as you iron her clothes, steam her millinery, polish her shoes, pack her bags, flannel her face, brush her hair, fill her pen, stuff her wallet, and pop a pork pie and a Diet Coke into one of the pockets of her fifth hold-all, because they do not serve food on the Edinburgh Shuttle, and it's a whole hour. You cannot ask an 18-year-old flying ace to do any of this for herself, of course, it would be like asking her to make her own bed or unload the dishwasher once in a while.

We then saw her off, dried our tears, and drove home to attempt to enjoy such brief time as was left to us before Victoria wiped us out.

"Have you seen her material?" said my wife, as we turned onto the M4.

"Some of it."

"Is it all about us?"

"Only the more horrible bits."

For when it comes to serpent's teeth, there is nothing sharper than a stand-up-comic child. That is because contemporary young comics do not tell gags any more, they tell life; furthermore, while political rectitude may prohibit them from telling the one about the Irish Jew, the big fat woman, and the black homosexual, it apparently gives them carte blanche on the one about the father, the head waiter, and the two police constables from Rochester Row. The Family Relations Act is not yet on the alternative statute books, parentism goes not merely uncondemned but enthusiastically encouraged: 400 miles due north of where I crouch cowering in my bunker, waiting for the fallout to get me, people are sliding off the bentwood chairs of the Southside Community Centre, Venue 82, cackling helplessly at the ghastly distortion of the world's most flawless father. Just how flawless he is you can tell by the fact that he actually wants them to cackle helplessly. That is why he is plugging her act: he wants his daughter to go down a bomb, even while what the bomb is going down on is him.

He is not alone. Victoria is not flying solo: her tail-gunner at Venue 82 is a 16-year-old sprat called Alex Langdon, whose father John is also currently copping as much shrapnel as I for no better reason than that he, too, did his best to help his comic offspring get airborne.

Why do we encourage them? Don't we know it's crazy to send a kid up in a crate like that?

Blue petal power

IF A blue rose can be genetically engineered (and a team of Melbourne scientists is trying hard) it would represent not only the fulfilment of every gardener's dream but also a potent symbol for the Tories, should they choose to pluck at it. The party's traditional colour combined with England's quintessential flower and a whiff of triumphant technology might be irresistible.

If the Tories do go for it, they will be the latest in a long line to exploit the virtues of roses. Ever since the eponymous war, the flowers have been hijacked for commercial and political gain. Mills & Boon has long used them. They are the symbol of that bastion of male supremacy, the England rugby team. And they have been used to advertise everything from nappies to bath salts.

Mrs Thatcher, however, would demur. At the Chelsea Flower Show in 1990, she said: "Roses cannot be hijacked by any political party." Not that she objected when a Margaret Thatcher rose, a delicate pink, was named after her.

Sir Charles Irving, the Tory MP who for 12 years sent a bouquet of red, white and blue blooms from Harrods to Mrs Thatcher's office before prime minister's question time, is taken with the idea: "It would give us a gentler image. And as blue is the Tory colour, who would be able to resist us?"

Colonel Ken Grapes, secretary of the Royal National Rose Society, disagrees. "We deprecate the use of the country's national flower by any political party." And Tory central office is keen to play down any notion of borrowing Labour's motif: "We are very happy with our symbol, the torch, which is everlasting. Roses wilt."

THE TIMES DIARY

● *TSB, the bank which likes to say yes, could hardly say no when it was asked to host a festival fringe play at its Edinburgh offices. The steely modern building is an ideal venue for* Boardroom Shuffle, *a story of corporate power struggles. TSB had a management shuffle of its own when it discovered the poor performance of Hill Samuel, its merchant banking subsidiary.*

Spitting mad

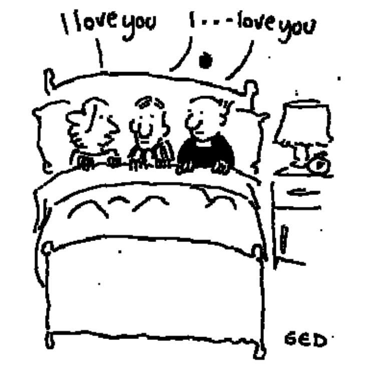
KENNETH Baker must be groaning at the timing of the reprint next month of his 11-year-old anthology of satire, *I Have No Gun But I Can Spit*. It makes uncomfortable reading for a politician whose own career nearly came to such a sorry end. The inclusion of Hilaire Belloc's "Epitaph on the Politician Himself" is particularly timely:

Here richly, with ridiculous display,
The Politician's Corpse was laid away.
While all of his acquaintance sneered and slanged
I wept: for I had longed to see him hanged.

The book, a collection of "satirical and abusive verse" which is being brought out in paperback by Faber after years out of print, quotes Dryden on the art of satirical poetry: "There is still a vast difference betwixt the slovenly butchering of a man, and the fineness of a stroke that separates the head from the body, and leaves it standing in its place."

We do, we do

MARRIAGE ceremonies are nerve-wracking for most brides and grooms, but for those who stutter they can be a terrible ordeal. So great is the fear of fluffing their lines that the Association of Stammerers has written to Roman Catholic and Anglican priests urging them to utter the immortal words "I do" at the same time as the bride and groom.



Chris Cox, an association member, who celebrates his silver wedding anniversary this year, recalls sleepless nights before the big day. "It plays on your mind. Making your vows in front of a packed congregation is a great trial. Stammerers have a great dread of it going wrong."

The association, based in East London, has been going for 12 years, and has identified the wedding day as one of the biggest dreads. "We hope that clerics will give it a go." So far the association has not heard a word.

Play it again

ON THE eve of her 75th birthday Moura Lympany is returning tomorrow to the Albert Hall to play Mendelssohn's first piano concerto: the same piece she played in her public debut at the age of 12. But the veteran pianist is more nervous about the performance than her debut at Harrogate concert hall. "I wasn't at all nervous then," she says. "The only thing I worried about was whether to curtsey or bow, and whether I should wear a bow in my hair. I had two plaits, I remember." In those days Lympany was happy to play the notes as she had been taught. "Now, I have much higher goals, musically speaking," she says. "I try to delve more deeply." And that means no renditions of "Happy Birthday".

Pure poetry

THE idea that theatre can be pure poetry is being taken literally at the National Theatre. Ted Hughes, Wendy Cope, Tony Harrison and John Hegley will be reciting their most memorable verses on stage at the Lyttelton on six consecutive nights in October, the first event of its kind at the National. "There's been a resurgence of interest," says Giles Croft, literary manager. "Look at the amount of space devoted to poetry in the newspapers."

● *One unusual face at this year's Tory party conference will be Peter Mandelson, the former communications director of the Labour party and its prospective parliamentary candidate for Hartlepool. Mandelson will be covering it for a Sunday newspaper. Tory central office is delighted. "He obviously wants to find out how to run a party conference. What better place to come?"*

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ROUGH ROAD TO RECOVERY

"Bumping along the bottom" may sound inelegant; it is certainly unpleasant. But it appears to be an appropriate metaphor for the present state of the British economy. Yesterday, as another 67,000 workers were consigned to the seasonally adjusted dole queues, the phrase was officially blessed by the Bank of England. The implication was that the furious debate between the Chancellor and the business community about the precise timing of economic recovery was not only confusing but also beside the point.

Despite the sharp rise in unemployment and the slight further tightening in the European monetary tourniquet by the German Bundesbank, the Chancellor is likely to prove technically correct in his prediction that a "recovery" will begin before the end of the year. But there is little comfort here for the 700,000 extra jobless created by the recession or for manufacturers who, according to other figures published yesterday, slashed their investment in the second quarter at an alarming annual rate of 61 per cent.

In prospect now is the sort of recovery only professional economists would recognise, in which another half a million workers are put out of work, bankruptcies multiply, investment shrinks and the nation's productive potential continues to decline. This is the message from the apparently contradictory statistics and surveys in the past few weeks, which differ largely because of "leads and lags" in data collection. It also helps explain the confusion about the economy in the business community and the public at large.

The Treasury and the business community are speaking different languages when they refer to recession and recovery. The danger is that the Treasury's definition will be accepted and the country will be consigned to a state of near-stagnation as months stretch into years. This is approximately what happened in the early 1980s, when the economy fell sharply from the beginning of 1980 to 1981 and then indeed bounced along the bottom, experiencing feeble growth and still-rising unemployment for no less than five years.

The government saw the 1980 recession, followed by a long period of slow convalescence, as necessary to exorcise economic and industrial devils which had taken Britain over during the previous 30 years. But 13 years of structural reform and pro-market radicalism under Margaret Thatcher offers no such excuse today.

There are two main constraints on the economy's ability to recover: high real interest rates and the dismal state of consumer confidence. The first is directly under the Treasury's control. The second is dependent largely on the rate of increase of unemployment and the state of the housing market, as the Bank of England yesterday admitted. But lower interest rates remain the main tool available to the government to boost housing turnover and support prices.

There are limits on how far the government can reduce interest rates without stoking inflationary expectations or risking a run on sterling. Whether these limits were narrowed or expanded by Britain's decision to join the European exchange-rate mechanism is a point which economists will go on debating; for practical purposes the die has been cast. But even within the ERM, the scope clearly exists for at least one, or maybe two, half point cuts.

A cut in British interest rates is made easier by the Bundesbank's unexpected moderation yesterday in lifting its main interest rate by a mere quarter point. The Bank of England and the Treasury protest that the full effect of a cut in interest rates today would not be felt until 1992 or even 1993. The unspoken message from the monetary masochists to the politicians is simple: do not rock the boat now, since it cannot help you in time for the next election. But for a Chancellor determined to show that he cares about the economy's health and not merely about pre-election manipulations, there is all the more reason to act. Bumping along the bottom is a rough ride.

BAKER BEYOND BRIXTON

Reactions to Judge Stephen Tumim's report on the Brixton escape have given a misleading impression. All would have been well, it appears, if only a dozen details had been attended to: if parcels had been searched by x-ray, memoranda passed on, the escaped prisoners' right to attend chapel curtailed, the perimeter wall better defended. This is the kind of nicety covered by the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, in his reply to his Labour shadow, Roy Hattersley, yesterday. When these diverse contributory factors are fitted into one overall analysis, however, the impression is not reassuring.

There was a serious breakdown of prison management. When many small things go wrong at once, the certainty is that one big thing went wrong long ago. That one big thing — which went wrong years before Mr Baker was called to administer it — is the structure of the prison service, a Whitehall-controlled industry run for their own benefit by the professionals and their trade unions. These interests regularly terrify ministers into conceding their demands while they undermine all attempts at reform. Mr Hattersley's call for a formal enquiry into the Brixton escape might have the merit of preventing the culpability of those responsible from disappearing into a Whitehall black hole. But that would still skirt the more pressing task of structural reform.

Mr Baker's unspoken alibi is that the Home Office is inherently unmanageable. In one vast department of state is an anomalous menagerie which no team of ministers can hope to control: prisons, immigration, police and fire services, miscarriages of justice, crime prevention, children, criminal law reform, statistics, dogs, MI5. But the essence of the Thatcher plan to reform Whitehall was that ministers and civil servants should not be managing at all. They are terrible at it, untrained and intellectually unsuitable. They should merely set policy, and then regulate services supplied by others.

The Home Office's many functions should be divided clearly between the policy-making or regulatory role, and the management of institutions and services. Some of the former should be transferred to a new justice department. As much as possible of the latter should be broken up and hived off, where appropriate to the private sector, where not appropriate at least into arm's-length agencies and public corporations left to run themselves. The accretion of power by Whitehall abetted by the Treasury — of which the Home Office is a prime example — must be reversed.

No Home Office function is more appropriate for hiving off than the prison service. Privatising prisons would have the merit of triggering the root-and-branch reform of penal policy, one of the most backward areas of the public service. And it would challenge the dominant ethos of the prison officers, which is one of the defects of the prison service. In existing institutions, the risk of further conflict with the Prison Officers Association may be too great. But an opportunity exists with the 11 entirely new prisons due to be opened in the next two years. Instead of merely absorbing them into the existing prisons department, Mr Baker should create an arm's-length government agency which in turn should put the management of every new prison out to tender.

The proper context for ministerial accountability is here. Is Mr Baker the man capable of carrying through such a policy, both personally and in securing the backing of his cabinet colleagues? If he cannot bring himself to do this, then the question of his future is a legitimate one. This is the true meaning of political responsibility, which is badly needed at the Home Office right now.

STORM IN A SAUCER

Oscar Wilde once remarked that a map of the world which did not contain Utopia was not worth glancing at. Whatever made him think that Utopia was to be found on this planet, or even in this finite universe? For intelligence capable of defeating the second law of thermodynamics, man must look to outer space. Fortunately, that need involve no more than a journey to Sheffield.

The International UFO Congress, which assembled there yesterday, proclaims itself the scientific heart of a growth industry. Gone are the days when politely veiled derision greeted Sir Eric Gairy, erstwhile prime minister of Grenada, when he brought this important subject to the attention of the United Nations. In Belgium, where not a week has gone by for the past 18 months without a sighting, the Belgian air force has been scrambled on nine occasions with the full approval of its commander-in-chief. No lesser a figure than President Gorbachev now insists that "the phenomenon does exist and must be treated seriously".

Or so Soviet newspapers report; and if he really intends to run for popular election, Mr Gorbachev would be insane to issue a denial. Ever since 1989, when a UFO was reported over Voronezh, aliens seem to have been massing in force in the Soviet Union. The media bristle with advice to women, considered more likely to be abducted than men. The Soviet Academy of Sciences, which would surely have no truck with mere hysteria, has launched a new journal, *Social Sciences and Modernity*, which promises to publish "dialogues with the Cosmic Mind".

The coincidence of UFO sightings and the collapse of communism is not confined to the Soviet Union. So persistent are sightings in Hungary, where an entire army unit testified last year to the appearance at its barracks in Tarnaszentmaria of a Saturn-shaped UFO inhabited by 10-foot-tall beings, that the Urania observatory has set up a special unit to log reports. In Mongolia, nomads are meeting them everywhere.

Sociologists say that the current craze for the supernatural in the decommunising world is part of a quest for some new faith — which may either be KGB disinformation or put about by the aliens themselves. For it is apparent that the Kremlin's last, best hope of retaining super-power status is an alliance with extra-terrestrial forces. This gives a new dimension to Smiley country. What credence should be attached to geological and meteorological "explanations", never mind attempts to attribute these phenomena to meteorites, earth satellites or even weather balloons? Have innocents in Wiltshire, who report that the makers of crop circles speak Sumerian, unwittingly uncovered the KGB's extra-terrestrial spy-ring?

As usual, the Americans have been the first to break the conspiracy of silence. A new book has at last provided the only convincing explanation of the Kennedy assassination: he was about to spill the beans on UFOs. Has the editor of *Florida Home and Garden* who told the UFO congress about her abduction by aliens performed a public service? It is high time for debate on UFOs as a vital issue of national security to enter the public arena? Perhaps . . . not.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Press commission and 'The People'

From the Editor of The People

Sir, There has been a furore following *The People's* publication of *pictures of a naked 16-month-old* Princess Eugenie, including your leading article (August 10) and other reaction to the Press Complaints Commission adjudication against the paper (report, August 9).

As I said in a statement to the Press Association, I accept the *findings of the commission on the* question of intrusion, although intrusion was never in my mind.

But examples of what the PCC considers "flagrant" abuse of press self-regulation must be kept in proportion. Was the publication of these pictures as harmful as your failure to give an adequate and prompt retraction of an untrue story about a Labour MP (report, August 9)? Was my transgression more flagrant than the *News of the World's* persecution of Labour MP, Clare Short?

And let us not ignore publication of grossly offensive material which is never the subject of a complaint to the PCC. The picture of a naked Prince Andrew published in your fellow member of News International, *The Sun* (the name of the newspaper mysteriously was missing from your leading article), was a breach of privacy. But no complaint, so no formal condemnation.

The Times believes the publication of *The People's* pictures was "not a grievous lapse into immorality". The basis of your condemnation, and the reason given by the PCC for its haste in delivering an adjudication, was *The People's* reaction to the Duke of York's complaint: the republication of a Princess Eugenie picture, together with one of the Duke naked and a headline asking, "Come on Andy . . . where is your sense of fun?". *The People* should, *The Times* sanctimoniously lectures, have responded "according to the agreed procedures".

What nonsense. Nowhere in the Calcutt report on privacy or the resultant code of practice is it stated or implied that complaints cannot be commented upon. How could it? Editors must remain free to comment on complaints to the PCC, just as they can and do criticise what they believe to be unjustified complaints to their papers or the institution of unfounded legal proceedings, subject to not impeding the administration of justice.

In mentioning how both *The Times* and the *News of the World* published the commission's adjudications against them in full, you implied that *The People* had not. The paper's first opportunity to publish was on Sunday, August 11, when it did so.

Also, you omitted the joint statement issued by Mirror Group publisher Robert Maxwell and myself following the adjudication, when we said: "It is not the role of the commission to anticipate what Parliament might do. If Parliament wants to pass even more restrictive laws upon the press, the commission should be opposing it, not threatening in advance with what it believes Parliament might do."

Finally, does *The Times* really believe that *The People's* publication of the pictures of Princess Eugenie and its subsequent tongue-in-cheek response to the Duke's complaint will prove to be the catalyst for new laws further inhibiting press freedom? If so, the clocks really will be striking thirteen.

Yours sincerely,
BILL HAGERTY, Editor,
The People,
Holborn Circus, EC1.
August 14.

Drama funding

From Mr Geoffrey Sykes

Sir, I recently applied for a grant from the Arts Council under its scheme for the funding of second productions of new plays. The application was refused on the grounds that awards are "intended for professional theatre companies".

The watershed in the mind of the Arts Council between what is professional and what is not can only make one sympathise with the attitude of your correspondents, Messrs Wilson, Blackman and Coe (August 13), towards the underfunding of national youth organisations.

One can also share the irritation at Roger Hill's advocacy of "the cutting edge of new theatre" and his complaint of the "metropolitan" nature of the National Youth Theatre (Arts, August 3).

Admittedly the plight of the metropolitan bodies is easily recognised and they do represent the front line in a battle with the Arts Council that has lasted for generations. The provincial reserves have barely the means of survival, let alone the ammunition to help the main thrust of the struggle.

The Manchester Youth Theatre is a useful, illustrative example: it has 26 years' continuous existence, performing regularly in professional theatres and touring educational establishments. It has commissioned 20 new plays from professional writers, it employs professional directors, designers, musicians and administrators, and it educates and trains to a professional level.

All this, apparently, can be discounted by the semantic conjurors of the Arts Council. We despair of realistic justice from its drama panel.

Yours sincerely,
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August 13.

Computers and taxes

From Mr T. Hampson

Sir, Your report (August 13) on the collapse of a supplier of software to local government says that the introduction of the community charge was bedevilled by computer problems. While it would be wrong to say that local authorities did not experience problems with the development of community charge software it was the government constantly changing the implementation of the community charge which resulted in software having to be rewritten to meet totally new circumstances.

The most damaging blow to the government's credibility came at the end of this year's Budget speech when the Chancellor announced new rules cutting poll tax bills. To non-computer people the recalculating of everyone's bill might seem like an easy task. Changing the level of the tax also affected the calculations of those on benefits, which required new software. Not surprisingly there were difficulties in bringing in the required changes.

It must be remembered that the government has yet to add flesh to the bones of the new tax. Only then will suppliers and local authorities know precisely what work they will need to do.

I am sure there will be fewer suppliers of software systems available for council tax than there were for community charge. Companies who burnt their fingers last time will be reluctant to invest money in research and development of systems for a tax that could well be changed.

Yours sincerely,
TIM HAMPSON (Editor),
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Black Prince Road, SE1.

Castles as homes

From Mr Roger K. Bingham

Sir, John Young, in his report (August 13) on England's "oldest house (perhaps)", could have mentioned a further category of residential property — castles. Headed by Windsor, a royal residence for 900 years, many have continued their function as homes centuries after their putative defensive functions have been abandoned.

Berkeley in Gloucestershire and Sizergh in Cumbria (Westmorland) are still occupied by the descendants of the medieval barons who built them. In Durham the kitchen fire at Raby Castle is said not to have been put out for 800 years, surely a domestic heating record exceeded only by old Nick himself.

Perhaps our oldest residence with the most residents is Lancaster Castle, a prison since the time of William the Conqueror. Once the penultimate destination of the Lancashire witches, it is still the enforced home-from-home of scores of her Majesty's guests.

Their last sight of freedom is glimpsed from underneath the portcullis set in John of Gaunt's gateway, still the only entrance to the jail through what the *Guiness Book of Records* says are the highest castle walls in England.

I am, Sir, yours etc.,
ROGER K. BINGHAM,
The Smithy, Ackenthwaite,
Milnthorpe, Cumbria.

Across the Aegean

From Mr T. Vafiades

Sir, Matthew Parris writing from Turkey (" . . . and moreover", August 12) taxes the modesty of an official of the National Tourist Organisation of Greece, like myself. Rarely can such praise have been lavished upon the marketing efforts of a tourist office. "Ouzo, figs, bouzouki music . . . whitewashed houses with blue doors, goat's milk cheese" — my colleagues and I felt an immediate and overwhelming homesickness!

However, Mr Parris fails to mention that, of the "sunkissed islands" in the Aegean, Greece has hundreds and Turkey has but three. Nor does he explain that it is international charter-flight regulations that can invalidate return tickets if passengers have travelled from a Greek island to stay overnight on the Turkish mainland, or indeed any other country; it is not, as suggested, some perfidious "Greek Tourist Board conspiracy".

Greeks were writing poetry, creating incomparable sculptures and designing superb buildings for over 1,000 years before the Turks arrived in their present location. Certainly there are Greek classical ruins in Turkey, like Pergamos and Ephesus; but most of the glory that was Ancient Greece is *in* Greece and the culture that is Greek is warm, welcoming and defiantly independent.

Yours faithfully,
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August 14.

Free speech that leads to vile licence

From the Chairman of the National Family Trust

Sir, Moyra Bremner is courageous in calling for the Crown Prosecution Service to act against Arrow Books concerning the publication of the Marquis de Sade's horrific *Juliette* ("Beyond the limit of licence", August 13). Of course, a legal contest would fan sales, but publishers tempted to make profits out of any material which explicitly invites sexual or other violence must be stopped in their tracks.

For the past three years we have been working with a group of teachers to compile a range of educational material which will help young people to give and receive love, as a reliable basis for family life, including the development of a positive sexual integrity. The pornography industry thrives on the absence of this kind of love; it undermines attempts by teachers, youth workers, and parents who have the courage to mediate an enlarging sexual ethic in an emotionally insecure world.

Ask those involved in cases of child murder — police, social workers and psychiatrists, let alone parents — what should be done with the Marquis's perverse words and much else that glorifies the obscene; the answer is a resounding "burn it". Our society is threatened enough, and all publishers have an educational responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WHITFIELD,
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August 13.

From Mr Malcolm Hill

Sir, Moyra Bremner draws attention to a book which seems to be a vile piece of perversion directed against women and children. She calls for a special case to be made and the book to be banned.

Those who suffered imprisonment, torture and death in the cause of our freedom of speech bequeathed to us a priceless freedom, and we owe it to their memory and to posterity to think very clearly before abrogating that freedom in the slightest degree. It is important that the people can write and read what they will, subject to the constraints imposed by law not upon the freedom of speech but upon the use to which that freedom is put.

Ms Bremner argues that this particular book is a special case. It is, however, the freedom of speech that is special to this nation.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM HILL,
24 Abingdon Villas, W8.
August 14.

From the Right Reverend Maurice Wood

Sir, Moyra Bremner rightly calls for the prosecution of the Marquis de Sade's *Juliette* under the 1959 Obscene Publications Act. I hope that the weight of your influence will discourage Arrow from publishing a second of his volumes.

Whilst the boundaries of what is and what is not acceptable are somewhat uncertain, a book of this type is surely beyond all limits of acceptability. We, in the Order of Christian Unity, have constantly called for the protection of children to be a paramount concern.

If publication goes ahead and is not challenged, society will be seen to be condoning the material it contains and as such may be interpreted as giving its approval to the depraved activities it describes. While this might not affect the majority, the vulnerable minority of those who may be encouraged into criminal behaviour need to receive a clear message that society says "no".

Public opinion is rightly horrified at the effect of depraved and corrupting influences, as shown in its reaction to recent child murders, but to prohibit at least part of the cause it has not proved sufficiently powerful.

Yours faithfully,
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Time for a ticket

From Councillor John R. Hart

Sir, Yes please to a national lottery as proposed by John Bowis, MP (August 10), with a percentage to good causes. When France reintroduced its lottery in 1933, after a long lapse, one purpose was to inject a ray of hope into the gloom of the depression. Each draw was, and is, given the moral purpose Mr Bowis moots: war invalids, widows, hospitals, the arts, and so on. When King François I instituted a fund-raising *loto* to France he shrewdly set aside part of the take to provide dowries for poor yet deserving maidens that they might find husbands.

Research has shown that the modern lottery appeals evenly to both men and women, unlike football pools.

The biggest lottery of all, Spain's, dates from 1776. By my computation, in 1980 it raised £320 million. It has not been harmed by the introduction of football pools, bingo halls or competition from other draws. So why should the reverse happen here? Football pools and the rest tap a different class of punter.

Calculated by analogy with Spain's smaller population, a similar lottery, with its own sales points, would create up to 40,000 new jobs in the UK. They could be ring-fenced, as in France and Spain, to categories of people whom the job-market largely excludes — widows, the disabled, the over-50s, etc.

Spain's lottery was introduced from Italy by Carlos III, one of that nation's wiser monarchs. Must we wait till our own wise Charles III accedes before we get our own?

In which awaiting I am, Sir, your most humble servant,
JOHN HART,
Members' Room, Town Hall,
London Borough of Barnet,
Hendon, NW4.
August 12.

Ordination of women

From Mrs S. W. Peck

Sir, Mrs K. A. Minchin (August 10) was lucky to get a vote in her parish on the ordination of women.

At a meeting on the subject in our parish room in January this year a guest speaker gave a long and somewhat difficult résumé of a book outlining the issues involved. There was no meaningful discussion, and certainly no vote. Those present were cagey about expressing their views, little new was learnt, and no soundings were taken.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. PECK,
Holly Tree House,
Compton, Chichester, West Sussex.
August 11.

From Dr C. J. Tyerman

Sir, It is intriguing that your correspondents on the subject of women's ordination, of whatever persuasion, appear to unite in a determination to reverse Scripture and make God in their image.

Yours etc.,
C. J. TYERMAN,
80 High Street,
Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

Kuwaitis in Iraq

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir, There is one group of Middle East hostages whom your editorial "Which hostages?" (August 13) fails to mention and for whose release the UN secretary-general should also be working. More than five months after the end of the Gulf war and in contravention of the ceasefire terms laid down by the UN, some 3,800 Kuwaitis, including women and children, are still held in Iraq according to the Red Cross, as quoted by the Friends of Kuwait in a recent newsletter.

Abducted during or in the closing stages of the Iraqi occupation, they have disappeared into the obscurity of Iraqi jails, scant information being obtainable about their whereabouts or wellbeing. What is the UN doing to secure their release?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM CHAINEY,
17 Marine Parade,
Brighton, East Sussex.
August 14.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Psoriasis sufferers

From Ms Geraldine Johnson

Sir, Three million people must have been most upset by Dr Stuttaford's article ("Sweating like a dog", August 8) regarding psoriasis.

He firstly identified us as "normally rather sensitive people" and then went on to draw an analogy between us and rottweilers, pitbull terriers and muzzled dogs.

This typifies the crass attitude of so many in the medical profession to this distressing disease.

Yours faithfully,
GERALDINE JOHNSON,
Latchwood,
Tye Close,
Saltdean, East Sussex.
August 12.

Rank ignorance

From the Master of the Choristers and Organist of Durham Cathedral

Sir, I cannot compete with the variety of titles employed by correspondents of my next-door-neighbour the Archdeacon of Durham (August 12); but life in the church does bring its share of interesting mail, even to a layman. I particularly relish being addressed as "The Organiser"; whether this is intended as a compliment or a rebuke is not clear.

But the letter I treasure was sent by a chance acquaintance shortly after we had first met. Unable to recall my name, he was forced to fall back on association of ideas. He addressed me as James Galahad.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES LANCELOT,
Durham Cathedral,
6 The College, Durham.
August 12.

From Mrs Susan Sturrock

Sir, I felt less than festive when I received a letter addresed to the Artistic Director, Internal Organ Festival, St Albans.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN STURROCK,
International Organ Festival,
PO Box 80, St Albans,
Hertfordshire.

From Mrs Sally Holloway

Sir, The Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade was once addressed at his Lambeth headquarters as Dear Mr Albert Embankment.

Yours etc.,
SALLY HOLLOWAY,
95 Lonsdale Road, Barnes, SW13.
August 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA

August 15: Today is the anniversary of the birthday of The Princess Royal.

KENSINGTON PALACE

August 15: The Prince of Wales visited The Prince of Wales's Summer School in Civil Architecture at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ralph Thoresby, antiquary, Leeds, 1658; Arthur Cayley, mathematician, Richmond, Surrey, 1821; Dame Mary Gilmore, poet, Goulburn, New South Wales, 1865; Georgette Heyer, historical novelist, London, 1902.

DEATHS: Jacques Bernouilli, mathematician, Basel, 1705; Ramakrishna, teacher and writer, Calcutta, 1886; Jean Martin Charcot, physician, Morvan, France, 1893; Robert Bunsen, chemist, Heidelberg, 1899; Umberto Boccioni, sculptor, Verona, 1916; Sir Joseph Lockyer, astronomer, Salcombe Regis, Devon, 1920; Wanda Landowska, harpsichordist, 1959; Selman Wakeman, discoverer of streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952, Hyannis, Massachusetts, 1973; Elvis Presley, Memphis, Tennessee, 1977; John George Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada 1957-63, 1979.

The Peterloo massacre, Manchester, 1819.

Birthdays today

Mr Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel, 78; Mr M.G. Bird, chairman, Varity Holdings, 70; the Right Rev Ronald Bowlby, 65; Mrs Eve Disher, artist, 97; Sir Philip Dowson, architect, 67; Sir David Gillmore, diplomat, 57; Miss Katharine Hamnett, fashion designer, 44; Madonna, singer, 32; Sir Donald Maitland, civil servant and diplomat, 69; Mr Tom Maschler, publisher, Jonathan Cape, 58; Mr John Standing, actor, 57; Professor W. StC. Symmers, pathologist, 74; Sir James Taylor, mining engineer, 89; Mr Jeff Thomson, cricketer, 41; Mr Arthur Walsh, chairman, Northern Telecom Europe, 65; Sir Geoffrey Warnock, former vice-chancellor, Oxford University, 68; Sir Jack Wellings, former chairman, The 600 Group, 74; Professor Brian Woledge, professor of French, 87.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will disembark from HMY Britannia at Aberdeen at 10.30; and will arrive at Balmoral Castle at 11.40.

Gray's Inn

Mr Richard MacLennon Wakerley, QC, Mr Gareth Wyn Williams, QC, and Mr John Graham Boal have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.D.B. Bottomley and Señorita O.M. Garcia Tascon

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Bottomley, of 24 Shrewsbury House, Cheyne Walk, London, and Olga Maria, youngest daughter of Señor and Señora Garcia Tascon, of Leon, Spain.

Mr N.J. Buckland and Miss S.M. Armstrong

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Buckland, of Woodborough, Nottingham, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.M. Armstrong, of Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr M. Crosthwaite Eyre and Miss K. Dawson

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr Antony Crosthwaite Eyre, of Ledwell, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Macha Dixon, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Dawson, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

Mr G.W. Hamilton and Miss C.M. Sturges

The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs B.W. Hamilton, of Eastcote, Middlesex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.W. Sturges, of Cambridge.

Captain S.G. Heath and Miss L. Robinson

The engagement is announced between Captain Sebastian Heath, Royal Artillery, son of the late Mr A.G. Heath and of Mrs S.I. Dobson, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Lynn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Robinson, of Blyton, Lincolnshire.

Mr M.J. Lang and Miss A.J. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Lang, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Chalmers, of Melton, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr P.R. McNeile and Miss A.M. Vincent

The engagement is announced between Peter Rory, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.J. McNeile, of Nonsuch, Bromham, Wiltshire, and Abigail Mary, only daughter of Mr A.A.G. Vincent, of Charles Cottage, Brockhampton, Gloucestershire, and Mrs A. Vincent, of the Herdsman's Rest, Middleton, Staffordshire.

Mr M. Senning and Miss A.H. Craig

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Udo Senning, of Reinbek, Germany, and Anna Helena, daughter of the Very Rev Professor and Mrs Robert Craig, of Falkland, Fife.

Marriages

Mr P.R. Flower and Miss K. Percival

The marriage took place in London on Tuesday, August 13, 1991, between Mr Philip Flower, only son of Mr Ronald and Lady Gloria Flower, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire, and Miss Kate Percival, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Percival, of London, SW1.

Mr T.H. Billson and Miss L. Grobbelaar

The marriage took place in Durban, Natal, South Africa, on Saturday, August 10, 1991, between Timothy Billson, son of Mr and Mrs Hew Billson, of Sussex, and Letitia Grobbelaar, daughter of Dr Ben Grobbelaar and Mrs Nancy Grobbelaar.

Mr M.R. Little and Ms C.X. Garnham

The marriage took place on August 9, quietly in Scotland between Michael Little and Caroline Garnham.

Mr A. Moody and Dr F. McKinna

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 10, at St Stephen's Church, Dulwich, of Mr Andrew Moody, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Moody, of Hawkshaw, Lancashire, and Dr Fiona McKinna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan McKinna, of Dulwich Village. The Rev Neil Thompson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Jane Dawson. Mr Damian Moody was best man.

A reception was held in the garden of Dulwich Picture Gallery and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J.G. Nangle and Mrs A. Room

The marriage took place on August 10, 1991, in Blandford Forum, Dorset, of Julian Nangle and Anna Room, who were attended by their children, Olivia and Poppy Nangle and Victoria, Oliver and Benedict Room.

A blessing was given afterwards in the garden of Hod House, Child, Okeford.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

The following candidates have been successful in passing the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators' June 1991 examinations:

Abery C M: Aimera P N: Albana N: Allen J F: Andrew S R: Anscombe H A: Anscombe M J: Akpeid T V U.

Bochoo P: Beguley E A: Bailey J: Bailey S C: Baker E M: Barker A P: Barnes C M: Baron S M: Bates C: Beacock S L: Becharry P: Bellamy K E: Bellas P J: Bennett R: Bennison S A: Berry E P: Biggs R P: Blackburn F K: Booth P J: Bowden I K: Bradshaw P E: Bridgwater M: Brown C B: Browne S E: Burgoyne C: Burnham A M: Burrows S M: Byrom C M.

Campbell-Kelly R D: Carpenter P J: Carr T: Challands M E: Chambers D: Chan Yoon Mun M: Chapman P S: Chart A D: Cockbain I: Cohen K G: Cole S E: Collins J E: Connor A C: Copestake V R: Cordeschi R: Crinnion A H: Crone J: Crookes D C: Crowther G F.

Daniels S J: Dass S K: Davies S P: Davis T J: De Alwis C T: Dellimore J R: Desmond L: Devereux-Cooke C P: Dillon S J: Dinsdale M E: Dixon B A: Driver P W: Dudziak C A E.

Easton P G: Eaton G C: Edwards J E: Elias M J L: Elliby J E: Elmore R A: Emmanuel C S: Etherington M: Evans A.

Fagan C J: Fairclough H M: Farrelly P M: Finley C A: Finn P E H: Fisk M A: Fitzgibbon G F: Flaherty K L P P: Forbes V R: France T E: Freeman C H: French D J.

Gallagher I R: Gallagher P: Garvey E J: Ghalaora I: Gibby L F: Gibson P M: Gilles J: Goodwille A I L: Grant S: Gray E A: Gray R S C: Greaves A M: Green S J: Grinter S: Gunewardene S D: Gwilliam S J.

Haggis I B: Hall N G: Hamer A C: Hamill V: Hanley T W: Harden G C: Hare I M: Harnan R E: Harpden P C: Harris S P: Hashim A: Hay J M: Hayes E M: Herbertson R L: Hicks G J: Hill A S: Hobbs A R: Hornsby V C: Hughes G M: Hughes S: Hung A G: Hutchison B.

Infante B K: James A H: James C R: John E A: Johnson J L: Jones B E: Jones P: Jones V A: Joseph S R: Juwaheer Y K.

Kazeem A: Keable A M J: Kerby D J: King A J: King D C: King G: Kwapong O A N.

Langlands C A: Langridge K W: Latter J M: Lee T B: Lee Tak-On S: Lees N: Leese S: Lenton-Johnson M L: Leveridge C: Lewis D J: Lim Hoon Hui: Linder J L: Liu Khieu Khim K: Lucas J A: Luery C: Lyster G J.

Ma Shuk Ping P: Mabey D L W: Malpell C: Malembo H Q: Mathoorah M: Matthews H S: Maxwell M: McLoughlin J F: McNutt D: McCabe D: Metcalfe K E: Middleton A J: Miles L: Milne A K: Morris J H: Muir L Y: Mulholland A J: Munro N D.

Nadin T J: Naliah L: Nankivell A J: Nathan A D: Naughton L: Ncube I M: Ndlovu S: Newman C J: Ng S K: Nicoll I J: Nixon A M: Noraida Bi Sharuddin: Northrop S M.

O'Connell C J: Omer H A: Osman A: Ostler J: Owens J.

Page K B: Palmer M T D: Panchal T D: Parker C A: Parrick M R: Parrott H W: Pattinson S C: Payne R E: Pearson S J: Penrice V M: Perkins H M: Phillips H M: Piggott E H: Piper V M: Polson J L: Powney J E: Poynton R M: Price H J: Priest S C: Prizmall P G: Prosvic J M.

Quartley S J M.

Ratnaweera D M: Reeve M: Reeves S J: Reynolds J T: Richardson S W: Riddell J S: Rix K: Robe J A: Roberts D M: Roberts M P: Roberts P A: Robertson R A: Robinson G L: Robinson H: Roche M A M: Rogers E J: Rushell S N.

Sakala B: Sargeant P J: Sear R T H: Semple C: Shaw B: Shaw R K: Shire N V: Sikamkono L S M: Small P S: Smallwood S G: Smith S J H: Snellgrove P S: So P T-Y: Sonuga F O: Speak J: Spencer P: Stretton C A: Stuart J H: Style H C: Sutton J E: Swindell A M: Symes R M.

Talbot K J: Talwar S: Tan Chuan Kim A: Tan Eng Lay P: Tasker E D: Tate G J: Thake J M C V: Thompson S D: Thornton M: Timms L D: Todd A G M: Toft W J: Traylor S M: Tubman J M: Tunnah A L: Turner E: Turner J.

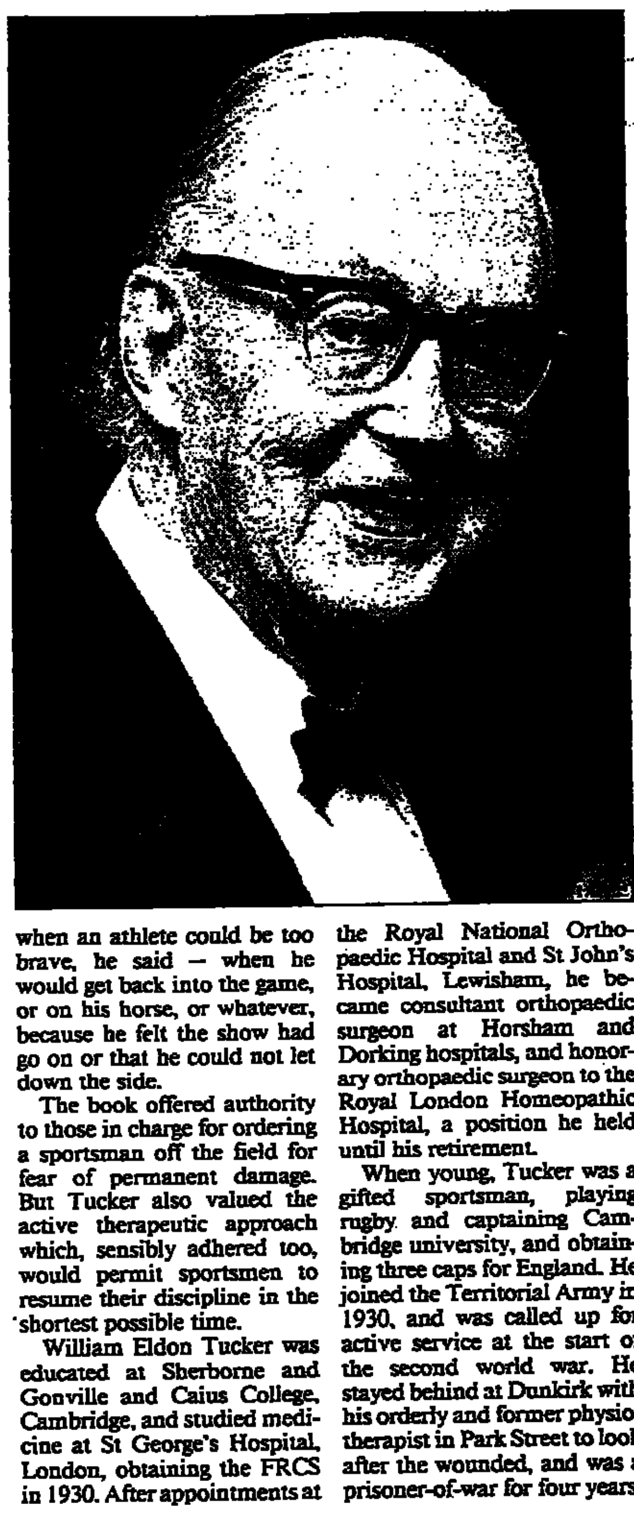
Venables M A R: Vickers S.

Wai Sun Kwong W: Wainwright-Brown A J: Ward E A: Warneford-Thomson S F: Watts J: Webb M: Weiss C J: Wells R J: White J S: White P M: Whitfield L E: Williams S J: Wilson A H: Wingham D R: Withey J: Wober J S.

Yeomans G D: Youngs E J.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM TUCKER



William Eldon Tucker, CVO, MBE, orthopaedic surgeon, died in Bermuda, his birthplace, on August 4 aged 87. He was born on August 6, 1903.

THE operations which William Tucker performed on Denis Compton's right knee in the 1950s captivated the attention of the nation at the time and extended the cricketing career of one of Britain's most idolised all-round sportsman. Tucker also attended King George VI and was appointed CVO in 1954.

Tucker's life-long interest in the sporting world determined the pattern of his surgical practice. He became "the sportsman's surgeon", and his clinic in Park Street, Mayfair, at which he joined Sir Morton Smart in 1933, aimed to provide immediate skilled and sympathetic management of injuries received at sport. The elite from horse-racing, cricket, boxing, football, and many other sports went to Tucker to receive informed advice and treatment and because they were aware that he understood sport and those who played it. The clinic was not elitist. It catered not only for the great; all sportsmen were welcomed whatever their level of ability.

Tucker was a believer in manipulative treatment and in the capacity of patients to treat themselves if they understood the nature of their condition. To this end, he wrote several books, including *Active Alerted Posture* (1960) and *Home Treatment In Injury and Osteoarthritis* (1961), in which he set out his philosophy of the every day management of these conditions.

In another book which he wrote with Molly Castle, his second wife, published in 1978, *Sportsmen and their Injuries*, Tucker emphasised that although there were short cuts to recovery, some basic principles should never be broken. There were times when an athlete could be too brave, he said — when he would get back into the game, or on his horse, or whatever, because he felt the show had go on or that he could not let down the side.

The book offered authority to those in charge for ordering a sportsman off the field for fear of permanent damage. But Tucker also valued the active therapeutic approach which, sensibly adhered too, would permit sportsmen to resume their discipline in the shortest possible time.

William Eldon Tucker was educated at Sherborne and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and studied medicine at St George's Hospital, London, obtaining the FRCS in 1930. After appointments at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital and St John's Hospital, Lewisham, he became consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Horsham and Dorking hospitals, and honorary orthopaedic surgeon to the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital, a position he held until his retirement.

When young, Tucker was a gifted sportsman, playing rugby and captaining Cambridge university, and obtaining three caps for England. He joined the Territorial Army in 1930, and was called up for active service at the start of the second world war. He stayed behind at Dunkirk with his orderly and former physiotherapist in Park Street to look after the wounded, and was a prisoner-of-war for four years.

Typically, he organised the make-shift manufacture and fitting of artificial limbs for many British prisoners, and his cheerful, humane disposition brought great comfort to his imprisoned patients. He was appointed MBE in 1944 and remained in the TA after the war until 1963, finishing as honorary colonel to the 17th General Hospital, TA. He received the Territorial Decoration in 1951.

After the war, he returned to Park Street and extended its activities. He was a skilful surgeon, and operated on many of the great sportsmen of his time. In 1950 he made an inspection of the articular joint surfaces of Denis Compton's right knee, located some loose fragment of bone and removed them. Five years later he removed the cricketer's knee-cap altogether and carefully supervised the rehabilitation which enabled Compton to return to cricket with distinction. The knee is understood to be still functioning well.

In 1958, Tucker became Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. He treated several members of the royal family in addition to the King.

He was made a life vice-president of the Middlesex and Surrey County Cricket Clubs, president and patron of Blackheath RFC, and an honorary life member of the MCC. He was also associated with amateur dancing, the Women's League of Health and Beauty, and was a past master of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards. Tucker returned frequently to his home in Bermuda, and was responsible for the proper organisation of orthopaedic services on the island. For many years, he arranged international meetings of orthopaedic surgeons in Bermuda.

Tucker was married twice and is survived by a son from his first marriage.

PHILIP KNOWLES

Philip Knowles, repetiteur, died of cancer on August 11 aged 41. He was born on July 17, 1950.

PHILIP Knowles was the highly regarded general repetiteur — pianist and coach — at the English National Opera since 1985. Of all instrumentalists' careers, that of repetiteur requires the greatest sense of vocation; little fame and fortune attends success in what is a notoriously demanding profession. Knowles was a willing practitioner of the art.

Knowles's devotion to the art of singing in general and opera in particular was demonstrated most impressively, perhaps, by the enormous courage and determination with which he conducted the final stages of his career. His last assignment for ENO was to work as repetiteur and off-stage organist in the recent new production of *Peter Grimes*.

Though already gravely ill with the cancer that was eventually to kill him, he was absolutely resolute in his will to work on the opera for the whole of its run, from April until near the end of June. He was still full of plans for the future, and still as willing as ever to help musicians in whatever capacity he could. The strength he showed in connection with *Grimes* no doubt derived from the poignant link it represented with his father, Albert Knowles, who had been a repetiteur with the ENO's predecessor company, Sadler's Wells Opera, before later joining the Royal Opera. Knowles senior it was who coached the team of singers who first brought *Peter Grimes* before the public, a significant event in the recent history of British music.

After studying at the Royal Academy of Music Philip Knowles became a music teacher. In 1978 while working at the Ladbroke School for Girls, he took over at very short notice as the accompanist in a recital by the tenor David Maxwell Harrison. This partnership flourished and encouraged him further to develop his talents. He went on to play many times for the BBC (including work with the BBC Singers), and in 1982 was appointed repetiteur at the Wexford Festival under Elaine Padmore. After an audition in which his sight-reading and piano playing impressed everyone present, he joined the music staff of English National Opera in July 1983 as chorus repetiteur. This post was created especially for him in order to strengthen the training resources available to the chorus, and, as a consequence, to improve the musical cohesion of the company as a whole.

Knowles did not simply play the piano for chorus calls and auditions, however; he also coached individuals among the chorus in the smaller solo parts some of them were required to sing, and also in larger roles, in order to provide the cover necessary in any repertory company. Many young singers thus became familiar with parts they were later to perform as principals thanks to Knowles's tutelage. In the summer he would continue to coach singers at ENO and participated many times in the summer school for young professional singers run by Brendan Wheatley and Bridget Gill deep in the Breconshire countryside.

He was emphatically not star-struck, choosing instead to cultivate his deep, instinctive understanding of singers, to encourage and support them as well as simply to correct them. He would often be found on his nights off from the Coliseum happily playing the accompaniments at one of London's "Spaghetti Opera" venues, most frequently at Luigi's in Fleet Street, where young and unknown singers, sometimes from his own chorus, would be on the musical menu. He also worked with Milton Keynes Opera.

All this he accomplished while remaining astonishingly self-deprecating about his work, though socially he was cherished for his friendliness, his sympathy and understanding as a listener, and, not least, his ability to entertain.

ROLAND MICHENER

Roland Michener, CC, CMM, CD, QC, former Governor-General of Canada, died on August 6 at his Toronto home aged 91. He was born on April 19, 1900, at Lacombe, Alberta.

WHEN he was Governor-General of Canada from 1967 to 1974, Roland Michener began the process of eliminating some of the formalities of protocol which Canadians found irksome. Following the sudden death of his predecessor, Georges P. Vanier, Michener was brought back from Delhi, where he was high commissioner, to assume office. It was the year of Canada's centennial, and he found himself playing host to more than 50 royal visitors and heads of state. Despite his conservatism, he marked the occasion by doing away with the custom of bows and curtsies at receptions.

Roland Michener was the son of a Canadian senator. After brief service with the RAF in 1918 he won a Rhodes Scholarship from the University of Alberta in 1920 and went on to gain his BA degree at Oxford.

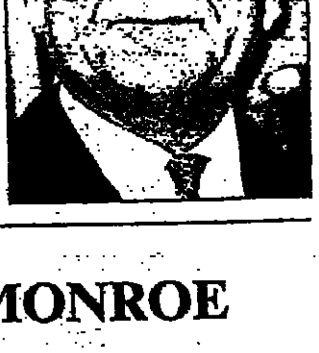
Called to the Bar at Middle Temple in 1923, he became a corporate barrister. He was a Conservative member of the Ontario provincial legislature for three years from 1945 and entered the Federal parliament in 1953 becoming Speaker four years later. Michener won plaudits for his unerring sense of fairness. This quality led to occasional tensions between him and the thoroughly partisan prime minister, John Diefenbaker, who felt that he went too far in accommodating the opposition. Diefenbaker could never forget that Michener and the then Liberal opposition leader, Lester Pearson, had been fellow students at Oxford.

Michener lost his seat at the general election of June 1962, and retired from party politics. His reputation as a firm arbiter and his interest in Commonwealth affairs however led Lester Pearson in 1964 to appoint him high commissioner to India and Nepal.

During his seven years as Governor-General Michener received honorary doctorates of law from no fewer than 17 universities including Oxford and was invested with the Royal Victorian Chain in 1973. On his retirement from office in 1974 he resumed his law practice in Toronto.

Among ordinary Canadians he is best remembered as a physical fitness enthusiast. Wearing his red track-suit with maple leaf crest, he became the country's best-known jogger. And he still played a few sets of tennis to mark his 90th birthday last year.

Michener's wife, Norah, whom he married in 1927, pre-deceased him. The couple had three daughters, two of whom survive.



JOHN MONROE

John George Monroe, barrister and retired social security commissioner, has died aged 77. He was born in Great Malvern on July 27, 1913.

AS ONE of the Social Security (formerly National Insurance) Commissioners, John Monroe dealt with appeals from decisions of local tribunals. Their decisions and their reasons are binding upon those administering the social security system subject only to the Court of Appeal on a question of law for which leave is needed. Monroe held this appointment between 1973 and 1988.

Claimants were frequently unrepresented by solicitor or counsel and were opposed by officials familiar with the complexities of regulations made by their own department. Monroe's sympathies for and understanding of the problems of the underdogs of society made him well able to ensure that meritorious claimants got the benefits to which they were entitled. Much of the work was dull, but he developed an expertise in the impact of European Community law on our social security system. This raised difficult and interesting problems, such as the pensions of those who retire to Spain for the winter, and the unemployment benefit of one who could not accept an offer of employment because he was in custody awaiting trial in the Irish Republic.

Monroe was the son of a vicar of Wimbledon and the grandson of Mr Justice Monroe of the Irish Land Court. He was educated at Marlborough and Oriel College, Oxford. Called to the Bar as a Harmsworth Scholar of the Middle Temple in 1937 he joined the army as a private in 1939 and served with the British Expeditionary Force. After the fall of France he was commissioned and served in the establishment at Bletchley Park which decoded German military communications and provided information as to German intentions. There he met and in 1943 married Jane Reynolds.

He developed a busy practice at the Chancery Bar where his keen intellect, learning and prodigious memory were greatly admired. He specialised in company and tax work and wrote *The Law of Stamp Duties*, now regarded as the definitive work on the subject. He had the rare distinction of being elected a Bencher of the Middle Temple as a junior. He took a keen interest in Bar students and for many years he and his wife made considerable contributions to the Middle Temple weekend seminars at Cumberland Lodge. These are designed to introduce students to the fellowship of the Bar and to give them some insight into the realities of practice by meeting judges and practitioners informally.

He usually finished *The Times* crossword on the train from his home in West Sussex to London; on the return trip he would try to reconstruct the morning's puzzle on a blank sheet of paper "to keep my memory going".

He leaves his wife, son and two daughters.

Church news

Clergy appointments

The Rev Nigel J Anstey, Curate, Plumstead St John with St James and St Paul, Southwark (Southwark): to be Team Vicar, St Francis with St Clare, Ipswich (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Canon Michael Arundel, Team Rector, Eccles: to be Rector, St Ann, Manchester (Manchester).

The Rev John Barnett, Vicar, St. Bernard, Hamstead: to be Rector, Christ Church, Quinton (Birmingham).

The Rev William F R Batson, Team Rector, Raveningham group of parishes (Norwich): to be Rector, united benefice of Kinver and Enville (Lichfield).

The Rev Preb Riou G Benson: to become Prebendary Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral, on resigning his prebendal stall.

The Rev Roger H Blankley, Rector, Gillingham with Geldeston, with Stockton with Ellingham St. Mary and Kirby Cane (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge of Charmouth and Catherston Leweston (Salisbury).

The Rev Paul Brody, Assistant Curate, St. Paul, Peel: to be Rector, St. Paul, Peel (Manchester).

The Rev Preb Wilfred R Chignell: to become Prebendary Emeritus of Hereford Cathedral, on resigning his prebendal stall.

The Rev Mrs Mary B Crameri, Tutor, Salisbury and Wells Theological College, and half-time staff member Southern Dioceses Ministerial Training Scheme: to be also Parish Deacon (half time), Bemerton Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Richard G S Deadman, Assistant Curate, Grangetown: to be Priest-in-charge, Grangetown, St Hilda (York).

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The Rev Dr Kenneth Forster: to be full-time Chaplain at the Humberside Polytechnic (York).

The Rev Dipen Ghosh, Assistant Curate, Heath Town Holy Trinity: to be Team Vicar, Wolverhampton Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev Ian D. Gomersall, Deputy Chaplain at HM Prison, Wakefield: to be Chaplain to HM Prison, Full Sutton (York).

The Rev David A Harding, Chaplain, Worksop College (Southwell): to be Chaplain, Abbots Bromley School (Lichfield).

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The Rev J Alan Heslop, Rector, Felpham with Middleton (Chichester): to be Team Rector, Howden Team Ministry (York).

The Rev Paul F Hocking, Vicar, All Hallows, Ipswich: to be Priest-in-charge, Great Cornard (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev David Lee, Tutor, Crowther Hall: to be Priest-in-charge, Middleton and Wishaw (Birmingham).

The Rev Nicholas A Leigh-Hunt, Assistant Curate, Tilehurst St George (Oxford): to be Team Vicar, Wexcombe Team (Salisbury).

The Rev Betty McNiven, Parish Deacon, All Saints, Newton Heath: to be Parish Deacon (with status of Team Vicar), East Farnworth and Kearsley (Manchester).

The Rev Marion E Mingins, sometime Church Army Sister, Selection Secretary, ABM (formerly ACCM), and Noviate of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby: to be Diocesan Vocations Adviser and Assistant to the Director of Ordinands (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Joyce Mitson, Parish Deacon, Farnworth St. Luke, and Assistant Director of Ordinands (Liverpool): to be Team Minister, Bilston Team Ministry, and Lichfield Archdeaconry Local Ministry Adviser (Lichfield).

The Rev Geoffrey Owen, Curate, Christ Church, Battersea: to be Vicar, St Andrew's within the designated Team Ministry of St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton (Southwark).

The Rev Henry G Pearson, Vicar, Debenham with Aspall and Kenton, and Rural Dean of Loes (St Edmunsbury and Ipswich): to be Team Rector, Marlborough Team Ministry (Salisbury).

Don shoots down Robin Hood legend

By John Shaw

A CAMBRIDGE professor has fired an arrow through the legend that there was only one Robin Hood, a sensitive, socially concerned outlaw worried about racism and feminism in Sherwood Forest.

As Kevin Costner storms across cinema screens throughout the western world in *Robin Hood — Prince of Thieves*, Professor Sir James Holt has dismissed many preconceptions about the lad in Lincoln green.

Sir James, emeritus professor of medieval history and former master of Fitzwilliam college, Cambridge has traced a number of criminals bearing the nickname "Robinhood".

"There are about eight examples of the use of the name as a surname, all coming from local records from the second half of the thirteenth century. Most of the eight have criminal associations."

He said it was possible the name was given to one man originally and then used as a nickname by others "and thus it became legendary, but the original character has been lost to us in a series of disguises".

Professor Holt said his information suggested that the major oak in Sherwood Forest, believed to be a favourite hiding place of the outlaw, was probably planted in the seventeenth century. And Maid Marion, the girl who went to live with the band in the forest, was a much later invention.

Archaeology

Buttresses support a long tradition

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE beginnings of Greek temple architecture are being unearthed at the Isthmus of Corinth. New discoveries at the Temple of Poseidon, which overlooks both the Saronic Gulf and the Gulf of Corinth at the gateway of the Peloponnese, show that the ancient architects were still nervous, and buttressed the walls of their innovative stone building.

The presence of buttresses around the exterior walls of the cella, the inner hall, strengthened the building and also supported wooden roof beams. The spacing of the buttresses has also allowed the intercolumnar distance of the peristyle of columns around the exterior of the temple to be calculated at 2.26 metres.

The Archaic temple of Poseidon, dating to the early seventh century BC, was first detected in 1952, but its dimensions and date remained unknown until 1989 (*The Times*, January 1, 1990). At the time, Dr Fritz Hemans, the project architect, said that it was "the earliest known Greek building constructed almost entirely of squared stone blocks, rather than rubble or mudbrick."

Dr Hemans was able to calculate the temple as having been 39 metres (127 feet) long and more than 13 metres (43 feet) wide, with a colonnade surrounding the cella; it was the earliest peristyle temple known in mainland Greece, he said; it thus lay at the beginning of a long architectural tradition that embraces the British Museum and the US Supreme Court.

Professor Elizabeth Gebhard, the director of the Isthmia excavations, said that a painted frieze had decorated the outside walls between the buttresses. "This seems a step in the process of decorating the outside of a temple built completely in stone rather than in adobe brick that would have been stuccoed and probably painted", she said. The next development in Greek temple design was the Thermon shrine, which had vividly painted terracotta panels that probably adorned the frieze of the peristyle rather than the walls of the cella.

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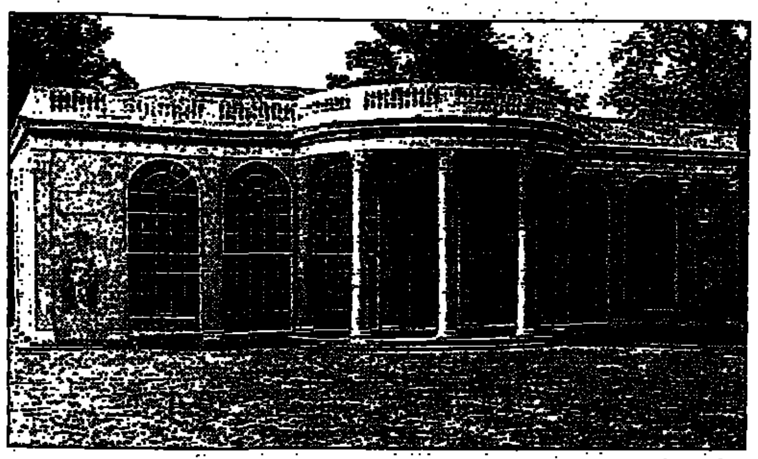
The neo-classical facade of Heveningham Hall, Suffolk, and, below, the restored Orangery, set behind the house



Criticism of hall's restoration rejected

By Andrew Lycett

THE Department of the Environment yesterday dismissed criticism about the allegedly shoddy level of restoration at Heveningham Hall, a grade one listed Georgian mansion near Halesworth, Suffolk.

The state of the house, with its 260-ft neo-classical facade, has been frequently attacked since it was sold by the DoE to an Iraqi Arab, Abdul-Amir al-Ghazzi, in mysterious circumstances in 1981. A recent report circulated by the local Heveningham Action Group described the present condition of the hall and its estate was deplorable.

The DoE begs to differ. Yesterday it issued a report - conducted on its behalf by the official conservation group, English Heritage - into works at the hall. The report concluded that "although there are minor shortcomings, the general standard of restoration work carried out at Heveningham is satisfactory, and the condition of the hall is certainly no worse than that of many other grade one country houses in private ownership".

The report recommended that reroofing work on the neglected gate lodges be completed as soon as possible and that comprehensive proposals for the restoration of the park, or estate, be formulated and executed.

Lady Blatch, junior environment minister, who visited the hall last month with Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of English Heritage, said the report had been necessary because controversy over the restoration had been "rattling around" and "quite obviously, rumour was begetting rumour". She praised the trouble which has been taken with the plasterwork and, specifically, the Print Room.

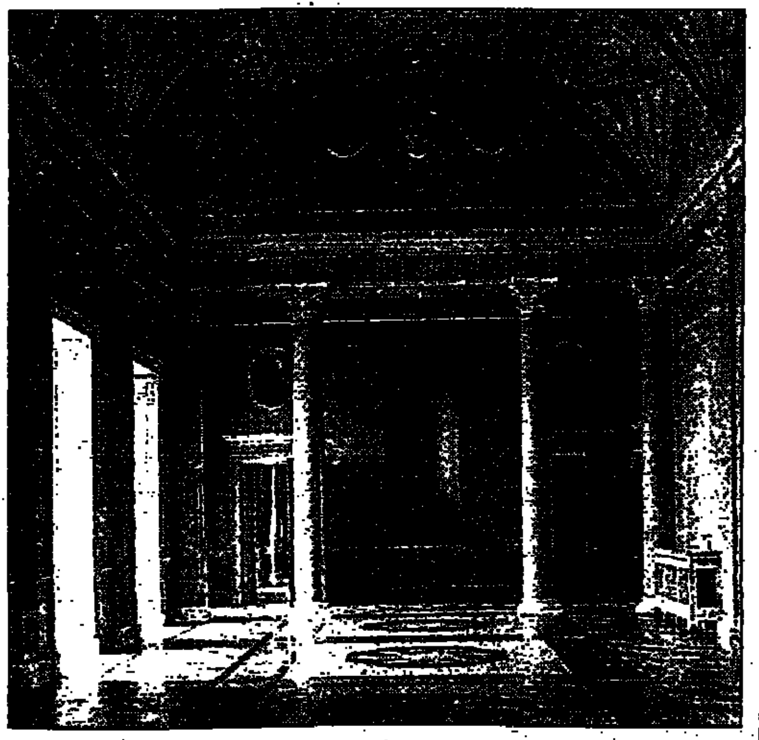
Ian Richardson, chairman of the Heveningham Action Group, responded yesterday: "Over a ten year period this place has been let go. Those who are supposed to safeguard our heritage are clearly not doing so. There appears to be one rule for Heveningham and one for other listed buildings."

He particularly criticised the raised corridor on the second floor which has given a lop-sided aspect to the facade, the 17 new bedroom and bathroom suites which make the first floor look like a hotel, fixtures and fittings which "do not maintain the character of the house", and the unkempt parkland, origininally designed by Capability Brown.

The DoE still has a considerable job on its hands to convince the general public. This month the hall is open to the public every afternoon, as is required under the covenants signed by Mr al-Ghazzi, who died earlier this year. But last weekend the random comments of visitors were almost universally sceptical and, in many cases, derogatory.

Stanley Bates, a businessman from Bury St Edmunds, had not visited the house for 12 years. "I was absolutely appalled," he said. "All the years they have been there, what have they been doing? Mr Bates thought the gardens were appalling. He noted the bedrooms with "no architectural detail and unmade beds which looked as though someone had got out of them four hours earlier."

However, Lady Blatch argued that the "style and taste" of the fittings and the furnishing of the bedrooms were not her department's responsibility.



The restored entrance hall with its fine plasterwork

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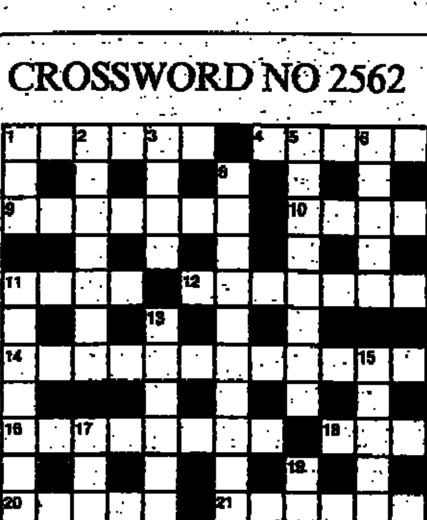

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BIRTHS

BRERETON - On August 12th 1991, to Caroline and Colin, a daughter, Amanda Frances, a sister for Richard.

CAVENDISH - On August 8th, to Sarah (née Formby) and Mark, a daughter, Katharine Mary Louise, a sister for George.

CHATTEY - On August 14th 1991, to Jane (née Tindall) and Jonathan, a son, George Frederick Kemp.

FLETCHER-JONES - On Wednesday August 14th, in Amsterdam, to Lucinda (née Fowler) and Nigel, a daughter, Alexandra Siân.

FRY - On August 15th, at The Portland Hospital, to Georgie (née Stevenson) and Anthony, a son, Barnaby William Anthony, a brother for Edward and Charlotte.

GORDON - On August 6th, in Sydney, Australia, to Justine (née Cowan) and Michael, a daughter, Alice.

HARGREAVES - On August 11th, to Gilly and Robin, a son, Oliver Peter, a brother for Thomas.

HATRICK - On August 13th, at Whittington Hospital, to Susan (née Gage) and Grant, a son, Matthew James Martin, a brother for Katie-Louise. Many thanks to the very supportive staff.

MURRAY - On August 15th, to Em and Dean, a baby boy, a brother for Jack. Love and congrats. from all the family.

RUSSELL - On August 14th, to Rosie (née Birkbeck) and Iain, a son, Alastair William James.

SATTIN - On Sunday August 11th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Carol and Richard, a son, Gabriel Joseph Brazier.

SPENDLOVE - On August 9th, to Victoria and Justin, a son, William.

WEAVER - On August 12th, to Sophia (née Bergqvist) and Philip, a daughter, Eleanor Claire Bergqvist.

DEATHS

BARRINGTON - On August 12th 1991, Peter, BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law.

BICKMORE - On August 11th, peacefully at home, Elsie Kennedy (née Mitchell) dear wife of Eric and mother of Christopher.

CROMBIE - On August 11th, Lt. Col. R.D. (Dick) Crombie O.B.E., R.M. Ret'd, of Southwold, aged 75. Much loved brother of Mary, father of Gerry and Anthea, grandfather of Richard and Suzi, Emily and Toby. Private cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to St Edmunds Church, Southwold, c/o Fishers (Southwold) Ltd., Field Stile Road, Southwold. Memorial Service at St Edmunds Church, Southwold, on Thursday September 12th at 2 pm.

DAVIS - On August 15th, suddenly at Nantwich, Howard Davis, beloved husband of Josie and stepdaughter Sue. Cremation Crewe 1.30 pm Tuesday August 20th. No flowers. Donations to Residents Comfort Fund, Mill House, Nantwich.

DE COMARMOND - On August 13th 1991, in hospital, Lady Gladys Madeleine, aged 92 years. Funeral Service, St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, Tuesday August 20th at 10.30 am, followed by private cremation. All enquiries please to J.H. Kenyon Ltd., 071-937 0757.

GOADBY - On August 14th 1991, Ronald Jackson, aged 88, a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt, Essex on Tuesday August 20th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Carer's Project (C.C.F.S.), 52 Chevallier Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

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DEATHS

HENRY - On August 14th, peacefully, Evelyn Mary Gordon, aged 87, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Henry, much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Thatcham, on Thursday August 22nd at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Thatcham c/o John Steel & Sons Ltd., 6 Chesil Street, Winchester.

McNALLY - On August 12th, at peace at last after a brave fight, Patrick, aged 67 years. Devoted husband of the late Marjorie and beloved father of Brian and Susan. The funeral will take place on Friday August 23rd at 11am, at St Mary's Church, Green Street Green, followed by burial at St Martin Le Tour Church, Chelsfield. Floral tributes and any enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, (0689) 875116.

MULLIN - On August 15th 1991, Brigadier Stanley, O.B.E., M.A., aged 75 years, dearest husband of Beryl, much loved father of Roddy, Grt. Guy and Jan and dear grandfather of 6 grandchildren. Funeral Service and cremation at The Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, on Thursday August 22nd at 2pm. Memorial Service in London will be announced later. No flowers by request, but donations may be sent to Army Benevolent Fund c/o W.G. Rathbone Funeral Directors, 30 Clarendon Avenue, Leamington Spa.

PARKER - On August 13th, Joan Marjorie, at Guy's Hospital, beloved mother of Robert, dearly loved mother-in-law to Claudia, and loving sister of Margaret. Sadly missed Granny of Felix and the twins. Funeral to be held at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, near Crawley, at 12 noon on Tuesday August 20th. Flowers to Truelove and Son, 55 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon or donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

PARRY - On August 15th, peacefully at her home in Porthcawl, South Wales, Ada Mary, beloved wife of the late Morley Parry O.B.E., dearly loved sister of Winnie Deakin and brother John. Much loved aunt and great-aunt of the Deakin, James, Case and Parry families. Private cremation at Margam Crematorium on Saturday August 17th. No flowers but as she so loved flowers whilst living, if so wished please give them, in her memory, to someone who would appreciate them. Enquiries Condon Funeral Service, tel: (0639) 883688.

PEACOCK - On August 13th, after a short illness, Charles William, husband of Zeneth and father of Nicholas, Matthew and Jonathan. Funeral enquiries to Leonard E. Smith, Funeral Directors, Taunton, tel: (0823) 272122.

WILDMAN - On August 12th 1991, Sidney Victor Wildman M.B.E., C.Eng., F.I.Mech.E., aged 70, of Bedford, formerly Turbine Technical Manager W.H. Allen. Husband of Dorothy, father of Richard and Stephen. Funeral, Bedford Crematorium, Tuesday August 20th, 12 noon.

WILSON - On August 13th, Dr. Rufus Embleton "Tony", of Oatlands Mere, Weybridge. Peacefully at home with his wife Gillian and daughters Belle, Harriet and Lorna. Cremation at Woking, Wednesday August 21st at 12 midday. Flowers or, if desired, donations to White Lodge Childrens Centre, Chertsey.

WOOD - On Tuesday August 13th 1991, peacefully at home, Charles Berven, aged 80. Brother of Derek and James. Funeral Service at Charing Crematorium on Tuesday August 20th at 4pm. No flowers please but contributions may be sent to the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o F.C. Wood Funeral Directors, 21 Tufton Street, Ashford, Kent TN23 1QN.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

CARR - The funeral of Major Douglas Carr will take place on Wednesday August 21st at 1.45 pm at Repton Parish Church, followed by a private cremation.

LINCOLN - Sir Anthony. The funeral has been arranged for 2 pm on Tuesday August 20th at All Saints Church, Middle Woodford, Amesbury, near Salisbury, Wiltshire. Flowers or any donations for Leukaemia Research Fund of 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JJ.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GONSALVES - A Memorial Requiem for Bernard Francis will be held at Our Lady of Victories, High Street, Kensington, London, on Tuesday September 3rd at 12.30 pm.

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Electricity Act 1989 Section 36 and Schedule 8 Paragraph 7 (1)
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Notice is hereby given that National Power PLC (whose registered office is at Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AU) has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy for consent for the extension of West Burton Power Station in Nottinghamshire to accommodate a new ash disposal scheme, and for the Secretary of State's direction that planning permission for the above mentioned development shall be deemed to be granted.

A copy of the application, together with a plan showing the land to which it relates and a copy of the Environmental Statement setting out the Company's proposals in more detail and presenting an analysis of the environmental implications, with a summary thereof, are available for inspection during normal office hours at

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Copies of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from National Power PLC, West Burton Power Station, or National Power PLC, Room 2.8 Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AU

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CREATIVE MUSCLE LIMITED
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Creditors are only entitled to vote if:

a they have delivered to us at the address shown above, no later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and

b there has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.

Dated this 8th day
of August 1991
N H Cooper and I Jacob
Joint Administrative Receivers

Creditors may obtain a copy of the report, free of charge, on application to the administrative receivers at the address shown above.

HATTON GARDEN OFFICES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
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I Jacob and N H Cooper
Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE MATTER OF
FEMMEGATE LIMITED
Trading As EMILEO
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 8th August 1991

Dated this 8th day
of August. 1991
Jonathan Joseph Schapira, ACA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
P. O. Box 553,
30 Eastbourne Terrace,
London W2 6LF

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 007016 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
S.E.P. INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 30th July 1991 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £6,273,274 to £2,273,274 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 8th August 1991

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF NEW BANK OF
NEW ENGLAND, N.A.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on July 13 1991, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency appointed the FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION as Receiver of NEW BANK OF NEW ENGLAND, N.A., and that said bank is as of that date in receivership. The Receiver is obligated to wind up the affairs of NEW BANK OF NEW ENGLAND N.A. and creditors of the institution whose debt or claim arose between January 6 1991 and July 13, 1991 are HEREBY NOTIFIED TO PRESENT THEIR CLAIMS, together with proof thereof, to the Receiver NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. on NOVEMBER 14, 1991 or such claims may be barred in accordance with the provisions of 12 U.S.C. §1821(d)(5)(C), as amended. All claims with proof in support thereof, must be presented to the Receiver at the following address TO BE RECEIVED not later than the time and date specified.

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Dated this 9th day
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The urge of British motorists to take their cars abroad grew steadily in the years after the second world war. Some vehicles, seemingly, appeared "incredibly old". Today's drivers, accustomed to driving straight on to a car ferry, may never have watched apprehensively while their vehicles were lifted by a crane from the quayside and manhandled into place by seamen.

HOLIDAYS ABROAD BY CAR

British motorists this year have been taking their cars and motorcycles abroad on holiday tours in far greater numbers than ever before. The Automobile Association has made since January more than 40,000 reservations for shipping motor vehicles to and from Continental ports this year, compared with 23,500 for 1938, which was a record, and about 19,000 last year.

The Royal Automobile Club also reports increased bookings for foreign touring. Between January and the end of July, 16,540 reservations were made, compared with about 11,000 for the whole of 1948.

There seems to be no reason why any motorist with faith in his car who wants to take it abroad should hesitate. The old facilities for customs and international circulation documents are all restored; the costs of food and lodging and garaging, if things are managed with some care and discretion, do not amount to more than for a motoring tour in England. The actual experience is even more exhilarating than it used to be before the war.

In France it is important to have petrol coupons to obtain spirit at the standard price shown on the pumps throughout the country. Without them one must pay about 20 francs more a litre; but there is no restriction at all on the quantity obtainable. The price of petrol, even with coupons, is a good deal higher than in England, but the fact that it is unrationed is a compensation. In Italy there are no coupons, and the price of the better grade of spirit (there are two grades, and the better is much to be recommended) is rather less than the French "black market" figure.

As in England, some expense may be saved, very pleasantly, by making picnic meals in the day-time while on the road. For this purpose bread, butter, cheese, ham, tomatoes, and sometimes lettuce, fruit, milk and pastries — all unrationed — are easily bought as one goes along, and, with the exception of butter, little, if at all, dearer than such things at home. If the necessaries for making tea be also carried there is no trouble about getting water.

There are countless things to delight the eye as one moves happily across Europe with, say, Rome as the objective, and to the motoring enthusiast one never failing source of interest is afforded by the vehicles with which he shares the road. How incredibly old some of the G.B. cars seem, pushing sturdily on. That seven h.p. "pram" of the 'twenties, for instance — how has it survived so long or at all, let alone proved reliable enough to be brought abroad? There are plenty of modern British cars too, but all the same one seldoms sees a car with the national mark of Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, or the United States that is not modern, opulent, and fast.

Fascinating to see in Italy is the performance of that ubiquitous, rapid, and noisy little scooter-type motor-cycle with its pillion seat and little spare wheel. Impressive to see everywhere are the great *camions*, almost always with trailers, that plug steadily along over every kind of road, mountain passes and all. One is moved to admiration for the drivers of these *poids lourds*, who in their skill and consideration are so exactly like their lorry-driver brethren of our roads at home.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

ELVIRA MADIGAN (PG): Bo Widerberg's 1967 classic about an army officer's summer idyll with a circus girl. Vacuous as drama, but a milestone in cinematic prettiness.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661)

NAKED TANGO (18): Vice, depravity and tango dancing in 1920s Buenos Aires. Hollow stylistic exercise from writer-director Leonard Schrader. Starring Mathilda May, Vincent D'Onofrio.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Warner (071-439 0791)

NEW DIRECTORS: Short films funded by the BFI: some ghastly, some interesting (documentaries on John Heartfield and Sylvia Plath), and one fine achievement (Chris Newby's Aids-themed Relax).
Metro (071-437 0757)

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366)

◆ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron, with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Kensington (0426 914666) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5305) Whiteleys (071-792 3324)

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama: a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

CURRENT

AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel); director, James Foley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

◆ EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3303)

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

◆ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES (PG): Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (Kevin Costner).
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ THE ROCKETEER (PG): Hollywood Nazi agents covet miniaturised rocket. Endearing family romp with amusing period detail. Starring Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly, Timothy Dalton. Director, Joe Johnston.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-630 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644) Mezzanine (071-839 1929) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Plaza (071-437 1234) Whiteleys (071-792 3303).

◆ THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
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☐ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a supremely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's last Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 145mins

☒ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins

☒ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Dali.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 150mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT:** Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's *masterpiece of family guilt.*
National (Lyttelton) (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 200mins

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Flaminia Cinque temporarily replaces Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9pm. 90mins.

☒ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☒ **TROILUS AND CRESSIDA:** Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins

■ **UNCLE VANYA:** Peter Egan and Richard Briers in straightforward production of Chekhov by Renaissance Theatre Company.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and *the hazards of communication.*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins

☐ **THE WHITE DEVIL:** Josette Simon is the proud heroine in Philip Prowse's glittering staging of Jacobean corruption.
National (Olivier) (as left). Tonight, tomorrow 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 180mins.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

UBU REX WITH SCENES FROM MACBETH: Alfred Jarry's surreal farce *Ubu Roi* (written in 1896) meets Shakespeare in a production by National Theatre of Craiova from Romania, directed by Silviu Purcarete.
Empire Theatre, Nicolson Street, tonight, 7.30pm; also August 18-20.

TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER: Final performances of Yukio Ninagawa's visually striking, incoherent production of Kunio Shimizu's play about the mid-life crises of an actor.
King's Theatre, Leven Street, tonight, 7.30pm, *tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm*

KIROV OPERA ORCHESTRA: A four-hour concert version of *Boris Godunov* completes the Kirov's collection of Mussorgsky operas.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, tonight, 7pm

THE WRITING GAME: Susan Penhaligon and Lou Hirsch dramatise an extract from David Lodge's first full-length play, *The Writing Game*.
Spiegeltent, Charlotte Square, Sun, 8pm

SAMULNORI: Established in 1978, this four-piece group from the Republic of Korea makes its Edinburgh debut with a music and dance programme combining traditional Korean and contemporary Western styles.
Edinburgh Academy, tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 3pm and 7.30pm

CZECH NONET: Members of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra play Prokofiev's Quintet Op 39, Kalabis's Nonet No 2 and Spohr's Nonet.
Queen's Hall, today, 11am

LENINGRAD PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: In the first of three concerts, Yuri Temirkanov conducts Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto (with soloist *Zino Vinnikov*) and Symphony No 5 in E minor; tomorrow, an all-Prokofiev concert; followed by a Beethoven and Mozart programme on Tuesday featuring Sergei Leiferkus and Dmitri Alexeev.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, tomorrow, Sun, 8pm.

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EDINBURGH FRINGE

AUTOGEDDON: Roy Hutchins recites Heathcote Williams's campaigning narrative poem on the relationship between man and the motor car.
Edinburgh Suite, Assembly Rooms, George Street, daily, 3.30pm, until August 31.

THE KOSH: Dance theatre group and pioneers of mixed media performance in the Scottish premiere of *Dinner Dance*, an exploration of containment and confinement, set in a kitchen.
Music Hall, Assembly Rooms, George Square, tonight-Fri, 1.45pm

YOUNG VORONEZH BALALAIKAS: The young group (ages range from 10 years old up) having been held up in Moscow by the visa authorities, begins its concert programme, originally due to start last Saturday.
Pleasance, 60 The Pleasance, tonight-Sun, 2.30pm

PENTAGONALE (PENTAGON): The 25th anniversary show at the Richard Demarco Gallery (divided into five sections) brings together international avant-garde artists from Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, Austria, Romania, Yugoslavia, England and Scotland.
Richard Demarco Gallery, 17-21 Blackfriars Street, tonight, tomorrow, 9am-6pm, Sun, 1-6pm, until August 31.

JIVING LINDY HOPPERS: The popular jazz-dance group in *Shut Up and Dance*, highlights from performances this year.
Wildcat at the Meadows, Middle Meadow Walk, tonight, tomorrow, 3.30pm, until August 31.

NICK REVELL: Hard-hitting political comedy from the host of last year's BBC special, *The Nick Revell Show*.
Greyfriars Kirk House, Candlemaker Row, tonight, tomorrow, 11.30pm, until August 31.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Box Office: 031-226 5257/5259.

BBC PROMS

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS: Dvořák's 150th birthday is celebrated with a performance of his dramatic cantata *The Spectre's Bride*, conducted by Gennady Rozhdestvensky, with the USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Choir, and soloists Judith Howarth, David Kuebler, Peter Mikulas. (tonight)

MOURA LYMPANY: The veteran pianist (who celebrates her 75th birthday on the day of this concert) performs Mendelssohn's First Piano Concerto, preceded by the world premiere of Martin Dalby's *The Mary Bean*, performed by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra under Sir Alexander Gibson (the composer will give a pre-concert talk on the piece at 6.15pm). (tomorrow)

THE KING'S CONSORT AND CHOIR: Robert King conducts works by Purcell (*Ode for St Cecilia's Day*), Telemann (*Wassermusik overture*); and Handel (*Music for the Royal Fireworks*)
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), all concerts: 7.30pm

Love in a decaying climate

DONALD COOPER

Close to howling: Sian Thomas as Yelena, with Peter Egan as Astrov and Richard Briers (right) as Vanya

THEATRE

Uncle Vanya
Lyric, Hammersmith

THE wooden panelling of Kenny Miller's set is blotched with lichen and snow-white patches of damp. The estate where Vanya and Sonya have slaved all their adult lives has fallen into decay, but the decay in this Renaissance Theatre production is an ambiguous metaphor. The place is going to pieces because the menfolk have fallen in love with Sonya's exquisite stepmother, Yelena; pack her off with her egoist husband to Kharkov and all may yet be well. Or else some area much larger than this one estate has ceased to be cared for: all Russia is on the skids.

The first application is inescapably part of Chekhov's play; the second we can take on board if we wish, and even extend it beyond the crumbling Soviet Union into any place where spite corrodes good feeling, and a decent future is destroyed through ignorance.

Peter Egan and Kenneth Branagh, joining forces and pooling ideas on the direction, present a sensible, detailed, yet unfussy interpretation. Isolating the characters against the packing-case planking of the walls gives them all a fugitive air, appropriate for Yelena and her irascible husband (a portrait of ruthless selfishness from Patrick Godfrey) but less suitable to the long-term residents who are going to wither there until death or revolution blows them away.

Yet if the sense of immediate place is absent, the interaction between the characters is one of the production's strongest features. When Sian Thomas's languid Yelena, bored out of her mind yet given a more emotional alertness than is usual, finds herself alone with Annabel Arden's lumpy Sonya, the two of them zig-zag between tears and laughter until eventually one weeps while the other giggles; then they gaze at each other and switch emotions. The rhythm of this scene is sensitively done and beautifully true.

What the actors do with their hands is also instructive. Sonya restlessly folds tablecloths, Yelena grips her shoulders to keep herself from howling. Richard Briers's Vanya is also intent on holding himself together, clutching at a bench or the back of a chair as if, without something else to do, *his hands* would claw his head off. This is a Vanya who has abruptly seen himself clearly and is aghast, in a state of constant tremble, unable to bear the look or the doings or even the thought of himself, snarling, choking with impotent rage. At times Briers gives us a bitterly comic performance, at others he opens himself up to the helpless grief of despair. The closing moment, weeping in a fading light, is unforgettably poignant.

Egan, playing Astrov as well as co-directing, presents him as still something of a dandy, gravely enthusiastic and just a little more in love than he expects to be. Slow decay through waste may be in the background but this production emphasises the quick destruction caused through love.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

The Bench
Traverse

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

ALEXANDER Gelman reportedly thinks of the protagonist of *The Bench* as a typical product of a Soviet system that has encouraged habits of deceit in its people. He should know, not only because he is the play's author, but because he is a Russian citizen and was elected a people's deputy last year. Yet "Man", as the character is bluntly called, would be ruefully recognised by any woman who has been chatted up by someone she wants to trust and knows in her heart she cannot. "Woman", too, exists in every city: needy, gullible, doomed to be everybody's used Kleenex.

They meet fake-casually in a park, and for a time the seduction seems to be proceeding according to plan. Then Jennifer Black's demurely compliant factory-girl turns on Kenneth Bryans's tinpot Don Juan, and reminds him of something he has forgotten. He went home with her once before, under another name, and disappeared the next morning. "You're an animal," she not unreasonably decides. His reaction is to burst into tears and invite her to bust his head with a brick. Her response is to relent. It is a pattern that seems almost infinitely capable of repetition.

Again and again Bryans adjusts his story, and again and again it is exposed as untrue. His name is Kolya, Alexei, Fyodor. He is an engineer from out of town; he lives locally and has a high-powered job in the transport department; he is a bus driver from round the corner. He is divorced, separated from his wife, living with her but planning to leave. Jennifer Black screeches, thumps him and repeatedly threatens to go; yet time after time he is able to manipulate her back into his power, and not because of his charisma or charm. Gradually it becomes clear that she will accept any humiliation if he will replace the husband who abandoned her years ago.

This is a fascinating play, finely acted by Ian Brown and Andrew Farrell's two-person cast. There can be no doubt that, as its author claims, it reflects a peculiarly Russian ennui. You can smell the bleak world of tiny, drab flats inhabited by bored people. Alcoholism and marital breakdown are much mentioned. Loss, bewilderment, disintegration are in the air. Yet Gelman's man, in particular, seems rather more universal.

At root, he is a weak, disappointed person, addicted to the bottle, apt to get paranoid about his wife's imagined amours, and well aware of the sorry figure he cuts. Fully exposed at long last, he even loses interest in the seduction he has spent the evening pursuing. Gelman would surely agree with Ibsen, who compared men like him to onions, because they were all layers and no centre. This is the Soviet Union's tacky Peer Gynt, an abject blusterer we know, too.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

OPERA

The Marriage
St Bride's Centre

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

MOST of the Kirov Opera's performances here have been repeats from their Mussorgsky sesquicentenary festival of 1989, but this was something made specially for Edinburgh: a hearty, lively production of the operatic fragment *The Marriage* for which even the instrumentation was new, and deftly done for chamber resources by Vyacheslav Nagovitsin to make the piece, aptly enough, as much a postscript to 18th century *opera buffa* as a presage of Stravinsky and Janáček.

Mussorgsky began and quickly dropped *The Marriage* immediately before he wrote *Boris Godunov*. What he drafted gets us about a third of the way through Gogol's brisk comedy, which is certainly enough to establish four village characters spluttering with existence, all of them singing not in the short, repeated chant or folksong phrases of Mussorgsky's usual vocal style but rather in sharply characterised recitative, following the practice of Dargomizhsky.

As Mussorgsky wrote at the time, what he was aiming for was "the artistic reproduction of human speech in all its finest shades", and it was perhaps because his attitude to the piece was experimental, and therefore external, that he abandoned it for works in which he could become enmeshed. What he learned from the experiment he could then use as one colour on a larger palette: the inn scene in *Boris*, for instance, seems to have profited from the raciness of this preceding burlesque.

But the Kirov performance exacerbated regrets that *The Marriage* was never consummated. It was an excellent idea to place the orchestra behind the acting space: the instrumental sound under Alexander Polianichko's direction was still clear, but the close emphasis was on the voices, and the singers were able to make use of the intimacy, the complicity. Valery Alexeev was a wonderful, baby-faced, warmly sung buffoon, the butt of the others' machinations to get him married. Vladimir Galuzin was a brave, dandyish figure as his friend, always singing through a bright grin of conceit and fun. Larissa Diadkova was the busy, bossy matchmaker, and Grigory Karasev the servant reeking of the bottle: a quartet of caricatures, then, but executed with great energy.

Earlier the excellent and amiable director, Yuri Alexandrov, came on to address us through an "interpreter" whose English was almost more difficult to understand than his Russian, and certainly more opaque than the Russian of the singers. *The Marriage*, he said, was about the choice between talking about an act and doing it, something as important to Russians in 1991 as to a middle-aged bachelor in Gogol and Mussorgsky.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

THEATRE

The Scheming Lieutenant
Man in the Moon, Chelsea

THIS apparently unknown play by Richard Brinsley Sheridan turns out to be the 1775 farce *Saint Patrick's Day*, padded out with material from other Sheridan sources. The hour-long result is put on by Moth Theatre Company, which appears to have singed its wings badly.

The slim story tells of an enterprising young lover disguising himself to gain access to the jealously guarded daughter of a ridiculous old tyrant — the stuff of comedy from Plautus to Beaumarchais via Molière and *commedia dell'arte*. Lieutenant O'Connor enlists the help of his loyal men and a garrulous old doctor. His assumed personae include a one-eyed rustic bodyguard (disguised with such fierce ugliness that it ends up more Hammer horror than hilarious) and a German physician who comes out with garbled foreign phrases rather like the disguised Despina in *Così fan tutte*.

The play begins with the interpolated opening serenade from *The Duenna*, set by Thomas Linley, Sheridan's father-in-law, and sung by tiny, uncertain voices. Peter Skuce's arrangements for flutes, guitar and violin in various combinations throw up attractive passages.

Bridget Kimak's design ingeniously uses slabs and blocks as a mottled-marble market cross, the pediment for a stone cupid, and even the sofa on which, Lydia Languish-like, Lauretta Credulous reclines with a Barbara Cartland novel. Costumes range over 18th and 19th centuries; and the doctor's clubland cronies read *The Times* and *The Guardian*.

Otherwise, Deborah Shaw's direction begins as slow, listless and stiff and occasionally livens up into embarrassment. Timothy Morand's wooden Justice Credulous does nothing to redeem the sort of production where characters exeunt to forced peals of mirthless laughter; but then his inexplicable switches of mood from one moment to the next show no guidance from the director. There is some coarse acting from straw-chewing yokels and a *tendency to comic* wide-eyed bewilderment. Comic for the performers, that is.

MARTIN HOYLE

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WORD-WATCHING

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SONERI

(c) Cloth of gold, from the Hindi *sonā* gold: "The curtains were drawn back, and glittering in the lights there stood Miss Patel draped in enough soneri to sink a punt."

KUKU

(b) A large fruit-eating pigeon of New Zealand, unlike the dirt-eating pigeons of Trafalgar Square, *Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae*, the wood-pigeon, from the Maori: "For food in the Maori's catalogue, for flavour and bulk, the plentiful kuku headed the list."

EXIMIOUS

(a) Select, distinguished, from the Latin *eximere* to pick out as elite: "There is in this relation an eximious example of the magical venom of witches."

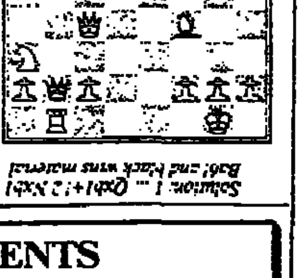
CIMELIA

(c) Treasures, things laid up in store as valuable, precious possessions carefully locked away, from the Greek *keimelia* treasures: "The monsters of porcelain which compose the cimelia of the days of the Duchess of Portland."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's problem is from the game Johanssen — Messing, Germany 1973. In this curious position, black's queen and rook are threatened. How did he escape from his difficulties?



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax

6.30 BBC Breakfast News

9.05 Around the World with Willy Fog (r) **9.35 Knowhow.** Beverley Wood, Mark Salter and Nicky Campbell investigate the Loch Ness Monster and explore Artificial Intelligence (r)

10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Lassie.** Animated adventures of the canny canine (r)

11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** In today's episode of the American family drama, David and his friends are intrigued by a strange house **11.55 The History Man: Bungay Castle.** Brian McNerney visits a medieval castle in Suffolk

12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 The Garden Party.** Magazine series from the Botanic Gardens, Glasgow. The guests include novelist Jilly Cooper, who provides an inside view of polo along with Lesley Player, organiser of the international ladies' tournament taking place this week **12.55 Regional News** and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: Sinbad the Sailor (1947). Rip-roaring epic adventure starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr as the intrepid lascar, here searching for the lost treasure of Alexander the Great. With Maureen O'Hara, Anthony Quinn and Walter Slezak, directed by Richard Wallace

3.45 Gerald of Wales. Cartoon narrated by Max Boyce **4.10 Smoggies.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 Tricky Business.** Programme three of the eight-part children's comedy and magic series (r)

5.00 Newsround. 5.10 Byker Grove. Episode eight of the 20-part children's drama set in a northeast youth centre (r). (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside *Ulster*

6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Terry is joined by violinist Nigel Kennedy and Simon Weston, with his wife Lucy and baby James. There is also a satellite link-up with New York gossip columnist Cindy Adams. Music is provided by Mike and the Mechanics

7.40 Little and Large. Tonight the comic pair *impersonate* singing duo Bros. The studio guests are Fine Young Cannibals and Frank Carson (r). (Ceefax)

8.15 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. *Magic tricks with the master of illusion. He is joined by the Paul Daniels British freestyle BMX team* and Rudy Coby from New York, who has a strange brand of magic

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. *(Ceefax) Regional news* and weather

9.30 Madigan: The Manhattan Beat. Richard Widmark stars as a tough New York cop in this detective series inspired by the 1968 film of the same name. Tonight, Madigan has to find a young boy before a contract killer gets to him first. Special guest is Cab Calloway (Ceefax)

Rachmaninov's choral work: Odaline de la Martinez (10.40pm)

10.40 Omnibus at the Proms: Rachmaninov — All-Night Vigil (Vespers).
● CHOICE: A glance at the listing that follows this one (Michael Tuchner's film *Fear is the Key*, at 11.55) is all that is needed to allay your fears that Rachmaninov's *All-Night Vigil* might live up to its awe-inspiring title. Not that the night was shortened out of consideration for the comfort of the Promenaders audience who turned up at the Albert Hall when Rachmaninov's little-performed choral work was filmed on Wednesday night. It lasts for an hour-and-a-quarter because that is how long Rachmaninov intended it to last when he composed his setting of the liturgy for a Russian Orthodox vigil that really was an all-nighter. It began with vespers on Saturday and lasted through to matins on Sunday morning. Tonight's performance is by the USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Orchestra, under Valery Polyansky, and the conductor Odaline de la Martinez introduces it

11.55 Film: Fear is the Key (1973). Thriller about a man who craves revenge for the murder of his wife and son — and goes to extreme lengths to find their killers. Based on a book by Alistair MacLean, it stars Barry Newman, Suzy Kendall, Ray McAnally, John Vernon and, in his first film appearance, Ben Kingsley. Directed by Michael *Tuchner* **1.35am Weather.** *Wales: News headlines and weather*

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: A Question of Balance. Ends at 7.10

8.00 News

8.15 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands. Magnus Magnusson on the lands ruled by Jezebel, Ahab and Jeroboam (r)

8.45 Writers' Houses. John Arlott explores Dorset, inspiration for much of Thomas Hardy's writing (r)

9.00 Catchword. Paul Cola hosts the stingless spelling bee (r)

9.30 Film: The Net (1953, b/w). Competent thriller, about murder, mystery and intrigue in the world of aviation. Starring Phyllis Calvert, James Donald and Herbert Lom, directed by Anthony Asquith

10.55 Holiday Outings. Eamonn Holmes reports on a caravan holiday at Haggerston Castle in Northumberland (r)

11.00 Golf. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the second round of the NM English open from the Belfry, Sutton Coldfield. The commentating team is Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon

12.00 Living on the Land. Deryck Guyler with a profile of Rosemary Watson, who decided early in life to be a cattle dealer (r)

12.40 In Between Days. A light-hearted look at what it's like to be 16 (r)

1.20 Fingermouse. Puppet series (r)

1.35 Weekend Outlook. A preview of Open University programmes (r)

1.40 Under Sail: The Bembridge Tradition. Sailing in the Solent (r)

2.00 News and weather followed by **Golf and Racing.** Further coverage of the NM English open at the Belfry; and the 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.20 races from Newbury. Includes news and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50**

6.00 Film: The Furies (1950, b/w). Unusually morose western about a cattle baron who brings home a wife-to-be — much to his unruly daughter's concern. Starring Barbara Stanwyck, Wendell Corey and Walter Huston, directed by Anthony Mann

7.45 What the Papers Say. With Michael Leapman of *The Independent*

8.00 East. Magazine programme about Asian affairs in Britain and abroad

8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes visits to the colourful garden of a retired miner in Swadlincote and a stylish Rutland garden created in *only five years. Plus more on sloping gardens. With Geoff* Hamilton, Nigel Colborn, Pippa Greenwood and Anne Swithinbank

9.00 Indelible Evidence: Gun Law. This dramatic reconstruction of a real case shows how examination of the shot and wadding recovered from a victim in an armed robbery produced vital clues. Introduced by Ludovic Kennedy (r)

9.35 The Tracey Ullman Show.
● CHOICE: This is a bad edition of the comedy sketch series which the British comedy actress made in the United States. No wonder the decision was made not to produce any more of them. We shouldn't waste any tears on the company responsible for the show. If they wanted to throw their money away, that was their affair. As for Tracey Ullman, she has a lucky escape this time, but she needs to be more careful in future. From the start almost, British television has understood the kind of framework her particular brand of comedy talent calls for. The Americans, however, seem to think it is enough to ask her to say daft things in *a daft voice in front of a daft audience who laugh at everything.* This debasement of her gifts reaches desperation level in tonight's Christmas edition of her show. If anything is designed to bring out the Scrooge in us, this is it

Turning the tables on the chair: Derek Jacobi (10.00pm)

10.00 Bed, Chair, Table, Lamp. Series of four programmes taking a different look at everyday objects. In the first programme Derek Jacobi helps to re-evaluate the chair (r). (Ceefax)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow

11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Pete McCarthy presents his view of this year's Fringe Festival **11.55 Weather**

12.00 Film: Iron Earth, Copper Sky (1987). Engaging Turkish film about a young man who stands up against the corrupt leader of a small village and is reluctant to accept the saviour status given to him by a mystical vision. Starring Rutkay Aziz, Yavuzer Cetinkaya and Macide Tanir, directed by Omer Zulfu Livaneli. (Subtitled). Ends at **1.40am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Vicky the Viking. Animated adventures of a young sea-going traveller **9.50 Thames News** and weather

9.55 Which Way? 18 Plus. Anthony Wilson presents a programme offering advice on careers and further education to the thousands of teenagers who have just received their A-level results **10.50 News** headlines and weather

10.55 Adventures on Kythera II. Episode five of the six-part children's drama serial set on a Greek island **11.25 Ox Tales.** Animation **11.55 Thames News 12.00 Disney Cartoon** featuring Donald Duck **12.10 Rainbow.** Children's educational fun (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather

1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice**

2.20 That's History. Historical quiz game which travels around Britain's stately homes **2.50 All Clued Up.** Game show for married couples

3.15 News and weather **3.20 Thames News** and weather **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian drama serial set in a large city hospital

3.55 Johnny Ball Reveals All. The science expert looks at inventions which go up and down and round and round (r) **4.15 The Magic Crown.** Animated sword and sorcery series **4.40 Dramarama.** An amateur magician causes chaos in his home and his son has to put things right again (r). (Oracle)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather **5.55 LWT News** and weather

6.15 World's Greatest Stunts. More dangerous feats

7.00 Very Big Very Soon. Daniel Peacock's showbiz comedy series starring Paul Shane as the larger-than-life Harry James, would-be agent to the stars. Harry's clients, especially Prince Charles lookalike Dennis Thwaight, are annoyed by the amount of attention he is giving his latest client — Maddock, a memory man, played by Basil Henson who has since died (Oracle)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)

***King Kong* in reverse: man threatens chimpanzee (8.00pm)**

8.00 Survival Special: Tiwai — Island Of The Apes.
● CHOICE: In its simian aspects, Nick Gordon's film about wildlife on an island in Sierra Leone is *King Kong* in reverse. Instead of ape eating man, man eats ape. Gastronomically, it may not be an appetising practice to contemplate, but the sad truth is that native Sierra Leoneans are addicted to barbecued monkey. So, too, are the Liberian rebels who are currently not only terrorising the island but totally disregarding the fact that Tiwai has been designated a game sanctuary, and that hunting by foreigners and neighbouring islanders is forbidden. We must accept without question the film's assurance that there are more than 2,000 individual primates on the island and 11 different species of them. But we are entitled to ask what evidence there is for saying that a chimpanzee takes six years to learn how to crack a nut with a stone, and that there are probably more than a billion termites on Tiwai

9.00 This Man . . . This Woman. *The first episode of a four-part* Australian mini-series about the breakdown of a marriage. Marion Clarke, played by Catherine Wilkin, is an attractive and highly successful doctor and mother who is a pillar of the local community. Her husband Neil (Robert Coleby) feels inadequate beside her and finds it difficult to relate to their three children. When Neil loses his job, he cannot face telling Marion which has dramatic consequences for their marriage. Part two after the news

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather

10.40 This Man . . . This Woman. Part two of the mini-series (parts three and four next Friday)

11.40 Beauty and the Beast. Feeble fable about the man-beast from subterranean New York who looks after a beautiful young lawyer

12.40am Elvis: A Portrait by his Friends. A musical tribute to Elvis Presley, with guest apppearances by Tom Jones and BB King among others

2.00 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight. Dramatised story of the king of rock 'n' roll starring Michael St Gerard

2.30 CinemAttractions presented by Charlie Tuna

3.00 Raw Power. Rock and heavy metal videos

4.00 Soap. Lunatic comedy with the Campbell and Tate families (r)

4.30 Beach Volleyball from San José, California

5.30 ITN *Morning* News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Film: The Trail Beyond. (1934, b/w). John Wayne joins forces with Noah Beery Jr to search for a missing girl and hunt for a gold mine in this all-action low budget western adventure. Directed by Robert N. Bradbury

10.30 Broken Silence: Survival. The Spanish documentary series on animals looks at how poison, shells and spikes help species to survive (r)

11.00 Testament: Mightier Than the Sword. John Romer tracks down the origins of the Dead Sea Scrolls (r)

12.00 Elements: Earth and Fire. How artists work with the elements

12.30 Business Daily. News from the world's markets

1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for pre-school children. The guest is Itzhak Perlman (r)

2.00 Painted Tales: Van Gogh — The Sunflowers. George Melly lends his voice to an animated art appraisal (r)

2.15 Easy Does It. Gentle exercises for the over-fifties (r)

2.30 Film: Traffic. (1970).
● CHOICE: Not even the most dedicated fan of Jacques Tati would deny that *Traffic*, his cinema swan-song, often tends to waddle across the screen like a disorientated duck. Tati, who created his spring-heeled innocent Hulot nearly 20 years earlier in *Monsieur Hulot's Holiday*, should have realised that when he made *Playtime* in 1967, Hulot had virtually come to the end of the road because Tati just could not think up any more technological traps for his inspired creation to tumble into. In *Traffic*, Tati attempted to disprove this by saddling Hulot with a new kind of camping car that he has to take to an Amsterdam motor show. There are flashes of the old Hulot in the film, but too many of the fireworks fizzle out just after they have been lit

4.15 The Elephant Will Never Forget (1952, b/w). Short British Rail film covering the penultimate day of the London trams

4.30 Countdown. Another round of the the popular words and numbers game with Richard Whiteley

5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American sitcom starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz Jr

5.30 Greek Fire: Ideas. A ten-part series focusing on the ways that the Ancient Greeks influence our lives today (r).

6.00 Roseanne. Comedy with the larger than life household, starring the irrepressible Roseanne Barr (r)

6.30 Sixthirtysomething. Maria McErlane and Ann Bryson present the twice-weekly film news and reviews programme. Includes a look at Dennis Hopper in his new film *Paris Trout* and an interview with Milla Jovovich, the 15-year-old star of *Return to the Blue Lagoon*

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather

7.50 First Reaction. Bruce Oldfield previews Britain's designers' autumn collections

8.00 Brookside. Merseyside melodrama. (Teletext)

8.30 Europe Express. Michael Voppe reports on the dilemmas facing Poland's Catholic women; and Isabella Stasi Castriota investigates the power of advertising within the Italian media

9.00 Athletics. The GRE cup final from Gateshead

10.00 Dream On. American sitcom which follows the fortunes of a thirtysomething soon-to-be-divorced publisher (Brian Benben), particularly interesting because it uses the *Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid* dramatic device — inserting clips of old film and television shows

Juggling with his performance: Australia's Mr PP (10.35pm)

10.35 Packet of Three. Stand-up entertainment framed in a sitcom set in a comedy and poetry venue. The regulars at the *Crumpsall Palladium* include Jenny Eclair as the ticket girl, Frank Skinner as the caretaker and Henry Normal as the compere. Irish comedian Ian McPherson, Liverpudlian performance poet Levi Tafari and Australian juggler Mr PP are tonight's turns

11.20 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show (r). (Teletext)

11.50 Film: Just Us (1986). Compelling, provocative Australian dramatisation of the real-life five year relationship between a young journalist, Jessica Taylor, and long-term prisoner Terry Haley. Strong central performances by Scott Burgess and Catherine McClements, supported by Merlyn Owen, Gina Riley and Jay Mannering. Directed by Gordon Glenn

1.40am Sid Caesar's Show of Shows (b/w). Classic comedy sketches from the archives of American prime-time television. Ends at **2.05**

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As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Katts and Dog 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 11.40 Sins 1.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.00 Film: The Skull (Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee) 3.45 The Hit Man and Her 4.35-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

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HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek 9.00-10.00 The Equalizer 10.40 The Businessman, The Buddhist and the Morris Minor 11.10-11.40 The Ray Bradbury Theatre

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As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30 Film: Maid in America 5.10-5.30 Pop Profile

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ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Daytime Green 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 GCSE — What Next? 11.40 Joanna and Tequila Sunrise at the Grand Opera House 12.40 Pop Profile 1.05 Almost Grown 1.55 Sledge Hammer 2.30 Night Beat 3.30 Film: Maid in America 5.10-5.30 Pop Profile

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Stars & Gardens 11.35 Film: Target Harry 1.05 Married...With Children 1.35 Stand Up 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35 Zara Dhyan De 2.40-5.30 Film: Izzatdaar

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RTE 1

Starts: 2.55pm News followed by Kitchen Garden 3.10 The Heritage of the Guldenburgs 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One 6.30 Charley Chase 6.40 Live! The World's Greatest Stunts 7.40 Major Dad 8.05 Clive James Postcards 9.00 News 9.20 Shoot to Kill 11.20 Acoustic - Joan Armatrading 12.15 News 12.20 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 3.00pm Bosco 3.30 Joe 90 4.00 Film: He's Fired, She's Hired 5.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 6.00 Get Smart 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Honeymooners 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Surgical Spirits 9.30 News followed by Brian Bourke 10.30 Film: Bandido Corazon 11.30 Close

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● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): George Burns reprises his role as the Supreme Being
12.00 Zits (1987): Five teenagers begin a dangerous game of bluff-espionage with the Pentagon and the KGB
2.00pm The House on Carroll Street (1988): Kelly McGillis uncovers a government conspiracy
4.00 Curse of the Pink Panther (1982). Ted Wass's bumbling detective continues where Peter Sellers's Inspector Clouseau left off
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Field of Dreams (1989): A farmer (Kevin Costner) turns his corn field into a baseball pitch
8.00 I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (1989): *Airplane*-style sight gags litter this spoof of Seventies action movies
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Cat Chasers (1989): A former marine is drawn into a deadly plot when he starts a romance with the head of Santa Domingo's secret police. Starring Peter Weller
11.35 Porky's Revenge (1985): The high school boys are blackmailed into losing a basketball game. Starring Dan Monahan
1.15am Modern Girls (1986): The club-hopping adventures of a trio of young women
2.35 Worth Winning (1990): Mark Harmon tricks three women into marrying him
4.20 Murder Elite (1985): Ali McGraw plots to murder her wealthy sister. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.55am The Seagull (1968): Sidney Lumet's adaptation of Chekov's classic play about the Russian upper-classes
8.15 The Good, The Bad and Huckleberry Hound: Cartoon adventure
10.15 I'm No Angel (1933, b/w): Mae West sets her sights on Cary Grant
12.00 *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp* (1943): Controversial drama starring Roger Livesey as a soldier who re-examines his life
2.15pm King's Rhapsody (1955): Screen version of the Ivor Novello musical starring Errol Flynn as a king who abandons his mistress to return home from exile for a political marriage
4.15 Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration: Cartoon adventure with the Flintstones
6.15 Short Circuit 2 (1988): The adventures of a military robot in New York
8.15 Torch Song Trilogy (1988): An adaptation of Harvey Fierstein's play about the life and loves of a drag queen
10.15 The Lady in White (1988): A boy witnesses the ghostly apparition of a murdered girl and discovers the identity of her killer. Starring Lukas Haas
12.10am The Wizard of Loneliness (1988): A boy (Lukas Haas) is sent to live with his grandparents in Vermont
2.00 A Time of Destiny (1988): An American soldier vows to kill the man he believes killed his father. Starring William Hurt
3.55 Night of the Generals (1967): A Nazi intelligence officer tracks down a general who is killing prostitutes. Ends at 6.10

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
10.00am Red Line 11.00 NFL Countdown 1.00pm Wimbledon Tennis Finals — Singles 3.00 German Touring Cars 4.00 ATP Tennis Magazine 5.00 Fishing the West 5.30 Motor World 6.00 Rodeo 7.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 8.00 Classic Cup Final: Mersey Derby — Liverpool v Everton in 1986 10.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Sky Soccer Weekend 1.00am Classic Cup Final

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Cycling World Championships from Stuttgart, Highlights 2.00 Ice Hockey: France v Sweden; USSR v USA Highlights 4.00 Live Golf: English Open 6.00 Live Cycling from Stuttgart 6.30 Eurosport News *7.00 Mountain Bike from Denmark 7.30* Live Cycling from Stuttgart 8.00 Ice Hockey: Finland v USSR 10.30 Eurosport News; Cycling: Tour of The Netherlands

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
7.00am Athletics 8.00 Revs 8.30 Equestrian 9.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike World Championships 10.00 Stock Car Racing 11.00 Motor Sport F3000 12.00 World Rally Championships 1.00pm US PGA Golf Tour 3.00 All Japan F3000 Championship 4.00 *Argentine Soccer 5.00 European White* Water Rafting Championships 5.30 Superbike 6.00 Gillette World Sport Special 6.30 British Formula 3000 7.30 Windsurfing 8.00 Go! 9.00 Inside Track 10.00 US Pro Box 11.30 Copa America 1991 1.30am Motor Sport Nascar 2.30 Major League Baseball 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Motor Sport

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Dreamers 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Artists' International Association

6.55 Weather; News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: Purcell (Now Does the Glorious Day Appear, Ode for Queen Mary's Birthday)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): *Schubert (Fantasia in F minor,* D 940); Kodály (Summer Evening); Strauss (Festmusik der Stadt Wien)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Purcell (Sonata No 9 in F, Golden; Jehovah quam multi sunt hostes mei; Sonata No 3 in A minor; Benedicite, Cantate Domino and Deus misereatur in B flat; I Was Glad; Beati omnes qui timent dominum)

9.35 Morning Sequence: *Purcell*, arr. Maxwell Davies (fantasia upon One Note: Fires of London under Peter Maxwell Davies); Rodrigo (Fantasia para un gentilhombre: English Chamber Orchestra under Garcia Navarro, with Narciso Yepes, guitar); Britten (Fancie); Poulenc (Fancy: Sarah Walker, mezzo, Graham Johnson, piano); Bridge (Phantasie Trio in C minor: Hartley Trio); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 73: Gervase de Peyer, clarinet, Gwenneth Pryor, piano); Byrd (Fantasia in 6 parts: Fretwork); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on Sussex Folk Tunes: Philharmonia under Vernon Handley, with Julian Lloyd Webber, cello); Taffanel (Fantaisie on Der Freischütz: William Bennett, flute, Clifford Benson, piano); Messiaen (Fantaisie Burlesque: Yvonne Loriod, piano); Bernstein (Three Dance Variations and Finale, Fancy Free: Bournemouth SO under Andrew Litton)

11.25 Ulster Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Berlioz (Overture, King Lear); Litolff (Concerto — Symphonique No 4); Massenet (Meditation, Thaïs); Gounod (Symphony No 2) (r)

1.00pm News

1.05 Mozart Summer: In the second of two recitals, the pianist Alan Schiller plays Sonata in C, K 279; Sonata in E flat, K 282; Adagio in B minor, K 540; Sonata in D, K 576

2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Julliard Orchestra performs Joseph Schwantner (Aftertones of Infinity: under Leonard Slatkin); Stephen Albert (Into Eclipse: under Gerard Schwarz, with Gary Lakes, tenor); Jacob Druckman (Chiaroscuro: under Lukas Foss)

3.15 Stuttgart Piano Trio plays Beethoven (Trio in E flat, Op 1 No 1); Debussy (Trio in G); Brahms (Trio No 3 in C minor, Op 101) (r)

4.30 The Organ at Durham Cathedral: The organist James Lancelot plays Francis Jackson (Archbishop's Fanfare); Vaughan Williams (Prelude and Fugue in C minor); Mathias (Berceuse for organ — first broadcast); Parry (Chorale Prelude on Croft's 136th)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, with Valentine Cunningham

6.30 Bix's Gift: In the third of six programmes, Mel Hill examines the similar style of Bix Beiderbecke and the cornet player Bobby Hackett

7.00 News

7.05 A Stroll in Vienna: Carl Auböck visits the Opera House (r)

7.30 Proms 1991: *Live from the* Albert Hall, London. BBC Symphony Chorus under Stephen Jackson, with Judith Howarth, soprano, David Kuebler, tenor, Peter Mikulas, baritone; USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Choir; BBC SO under Gennady Rozhdestvensky perform Dvořák (The Spectre's Bride)

9.15 Curveball, Spitball, Knuckleball, Strike: Russell Davies talks to John Updike, George V. Higgins, George Plimpton and Roger Angell about the importance of baseball in the American psyche (r)

10.00 Vanbrugh String Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in C, K 465, Dissonance); Janáček (Quartet No 1, The Kreutzer Sonata) (r)

10.50 Arcadia Trio performs Martin Dalby (Oboe Sonatina); Vaughan Williams (Three Blake Songs for tenor and oboe); Frank Spedding (Three Northern Folksongs); D. Dorward (A Garland of Wild Flowers and Thistles)

11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl at **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** Down With Skool! and How to be Topp (4 of 7) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News

9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the actress Sarah Miles (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00 News; Special Assignment

10.30 Morning Story: Mick's Day, by William McIlvanney. Read by Gerard Slevin

10.45 Daily Service (s)

11.00 News; Father Joe
● CHOICE: The most unlikely people are called to the priesthood, says Joe Keenan, *who also admits*, like the two Anglican priests on Wednesday (Radio 4), that he could be more intelligent. Joe, a newsagent's son, went to a Catholic seminary in Manchester but left after seven years having had enough of being a "Holy Joe". Yet an inner certainty about his calling remained and he went on to study in Rome. Now he awaits his diaconate *ordination next spring. Living* in a parish is difficult: "You get a fright when you suddenly realise you're on your own," says Joe

11.47 More Wrestling Than Dancing: The Boundary Riders. David Moreau recalls the exciting time he spent with Harold, an Australian journalist-cum-sheep-shearer

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower

12.25pm *The Gardening Quiz: With* Dr Stefan Buczacki in the chair (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Manchester. Elkie Brooks is in the studio; a look at the continuing battle of the sexes in the workplace; a report on lung cancer in women; and an item on the creation of a *marriage bureau for farmers*

3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Pavilion on the Links, by Robert Louis Stevenson. Two well-bred young men fight for love and honour on a lonely Scottish shore. With Stuart McQuarrie and Allan Sharpe (s) (r)

4.00 News

4.05 Tea Junction: Topical discussion show in which *Patrick Hannan* and guests take a sceptical look at the week's events

4.30 Kaleidoscope: At the Edinburgh Festival. Paul Allen watches the French circus entertainers, Archaos; listens to the operatic renditions of La Gran Scena; browses around *the book festival;* and views Michael Andrews's exhibition of paintings (s)

5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 Winston in Love: Figuratively Speaking. The fifth of a six-part drama by Peter Tinniswood. With Bill Wallis as Winston (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s)

8.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk chairs an investigation into the moral questions behind the week's news (s)

8.50 Stop Press, with Geoffrey Goodman

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Growing Up with Grandma. *Mr Perkins* is the final story in a series by Hamish Whiteley. *Read* by Richard Pearce

11.00 On the Hour: The news as it happens, if it happens. A new kind of current affairs programme . . . with a twist of comedy (s)

11.25 The Financial Week (s)

11.45 Cutler the Lax: The poet Ivor Cutler delves into the archives (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Neale James (FM only) 5.00 Gary King 9.00 Bates's Mates: Pet Shop Boys 11.00 The Radio 1 Roadshow *from the Hoe, Plymouth 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the* Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Round Table 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show 12.00-4.00am Andy Peebles Double Bill (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson: 1991 Bunker Breakout from Mousehole in Cornwall 9.30 Bob Holness 11.00 Eve Pollard 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Sarah Kennedy 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Journey into Space: The World in Peril (9 of 20) (r) 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night (r) 8.45 Brian Lemon at the piano 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme from the Edinburgh International Festival 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News and Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Student Helpline: Advice on further education and careers. Tel: 0345 909693 (lines open 1pm to 9pm), incl at 2.00 News; Sport 2.30 World Service, incl at 3.00, 4.00 News; Sport 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Matilda, by Roald Dahl (5 of 10) 7.35 King Street Junior: The Spirit of Christmas. A comedy drama by Jim Eldridge (3 of 8) (r) 8.00 Afropop Worldwide 9.00 Cities: A Student's Guide to . . . Brighton (r) 9.30 Student Helpline 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Rave, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live; News Summary 8.30 Birth of a Nation: Panama 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Birth of a Nation: Panama 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Name of the Rose (5) 3.45 Queens of Crime 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Birth of a Nation: Panama 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Stuart Coleman's Record Hop 11.30 Second City First 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbrief 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From The Weeklies 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Short Story: Some Enchanted Evening 2.45 Here's Humph! 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 Newsdesk 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 The Vintage Chart Show: August 1962 4.45 News and Features in German

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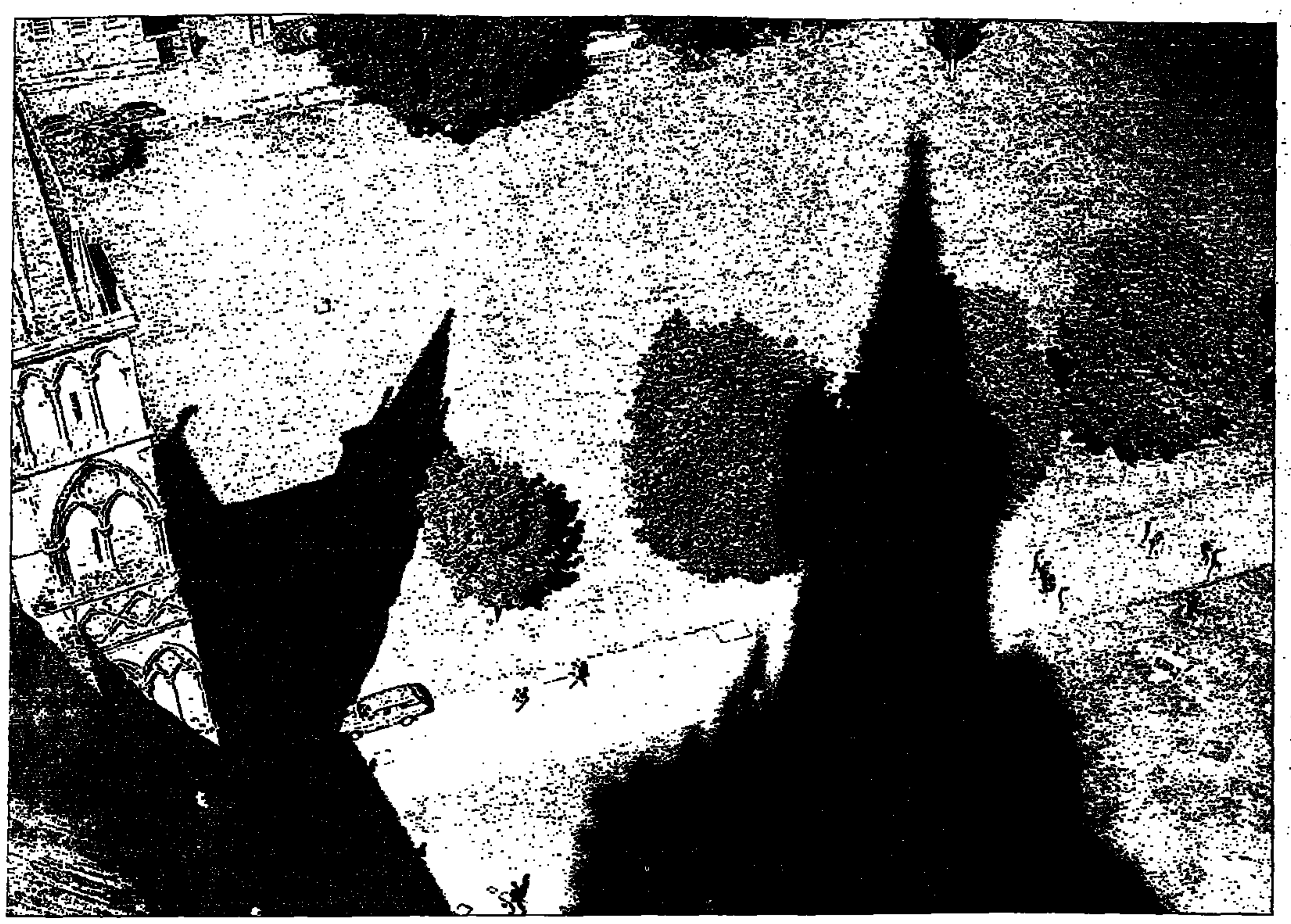

Appealing view: Salisbury Cathedral's west green, which on September 6 will become the setting for one of the year's most spectacular musical events (Robin Young writes). The Symphony for the Spire, inaugural concert of the two-week Salisbury festival, has been devised by the Prince of Wales in aid of the £6.5 million spire appeal, of which he is president. The show will use the cathedral's west front as a 10,000 sq ft projection screen, to back an adaptation of Shakespeare's *Henry V* with Kenneth Branagh and Charlton Heston. Some 10,500 spectators will pay an average of £80 each to hear Placido Domingo, Jessye Norman, the Canadian cellist Ofra Harnoy, pianist Peter Donohoe, pop singer Phil Collins and the English Chamber Orchestra and Philharmonia Chorus conducted by Richard Armstrong.

BR told to close unsafe crossings

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail has been told to close all footpath and bridleway crossings failing basic safety tests in the wake of publication yesterday of the Health and Safety Executive's report into a rail crossing accident in South Yorkshire in which three people died.

British Rail, it said, is responsible for safety at footpath and bridleway crossings, and for providing users with a clear view of trains to allow them to cross in safety. "Crossings which do not meet this criterion should either be diverted or closed," it said.

The recommendation follows the deaths of a mother and two children hit last June by a northbound train on the East Coast mainline between London and Edinburgh.

Janet Smith, aged 34, her son Daniel, aged four, and Emma Brydon, aged seven, were killed at the unmarked Carr Lane crossing at Bessacarr near Doncaster, when Mrs Smith tried to rescue the children, who had become entangled in a trapped bicycle.

British Rail recently completed improvements to the crossing designed to provide a clear line of vision and warning notices. Safety improvements can be justified from an economic point of view, however, only on heavily used crossings, and many underused crossings could be closed.

Alan Cooksey, chief inspecting officer of railways for the Health and Safety Executive, who conducted the investigation, said British Rail had made a survey to establish which of the estimated 2,000 crossings are in use. "As a matter of urgency, the British Railways Board should obtain the necessary legal powers to divert or stop up those crossings which do not meet the safety criteria," he said.

British Rail can not close railway crossings, even for safety reasons, without approval from parliament. The East Coast Mainline Safety Bill, which sought to close ten railway crossings, did not win enough support to be carried in the last parliamentary session, and rail managers hope to reintroduce it.

Broadmoor man's Colditz escape

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bundle of clothes under the bed," the report says. Long after he had escaped, hospital staff, peering through door windows measuring 2.5 in x 5 in and seeing an outline of clothes in his bed, thought he was fast asleep.

It was not until 3.40 am on Sunday, when the night nurse discovered a wide-open window in the shower room and a missing security bar, that the police were alerted. Meanwhile Saunders had dropped to the ground, and, avoiding the lights, climbed on to the roof. He fled the grounds after dropping from a relatively low roof to the old main gate. He was picked up by the police two days later.

The report concludes that the escape "was a most serious incident and represents an unacceptable breach of security that must not be repeated. It is our firm view that treatment and security are not mutually exclusive concepts."

Miss Kinsley, formerly the authority's head of personnel, described Saunders' route to freedom as a "classic old-fashioned escape — like Colditz" admitting that security could become routine for long-serving staff, prompting lapses. However she warned against too stringent security in a hospital.

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Race to rescue Britons

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who have worked for more than 20 years on similar barges in the North Sea and at oil rigs world-wide said they had never seen an accident like it. Kevin Banks, aged 44, whose parents live in Norfolk, said the water had crashed on to the stern of the ship while the bow was pointing into the next wave. Then a massive wave tore an anchor buoy from the deck and smashed it into the water-purifying room and the boat capsized.

Of the seven Britons on board four were last night safe at the Mariners Club Cabin in Hong Kong where they had been brought by helicopter.

Tom McDonald, aged 48, from Chatham, jumped in the sea and clung to six other crewmen for seven hours before the helicopter took him from the water. He said the barge had been laying pipelines for a multi-national oil rig construction company.

Angling for solitude in political wilderness

DID we win the fifth Test? Are the Tories still behind in the polls? Have interest rates come down? Any news about the next general election?

Dave Donald and I were drifting a couple of live baits in the remotest fishing hole in the world, and there was nobody around to provide the answers. Dave takes anglers where anglers have never angled before, to the rivers and billabongs of the dense Cape York savannah at the northern tip of what is still Aboriginal Australia.

In the spot where he pitches his tents — 100 miles from the nearest sizeable community — TV would be unthinkable. He did have a portable radio once, but the batteries ran out.

Moomba is more important here. It's Aboriginal for "let's have fun", and opinion polls and interest rates have no place in this philosophy.

They have politics, though ... the hot political potato in Dave Donald's life today is a 10ft chain drawn across the only track giving access to his camp on the Jardine River.

"I've been running this camp for four years," he said. "But it is on Aboriginal land — there isn't any other kind around here. I have no written agreement, just a verbal nod. That's the way they do business."

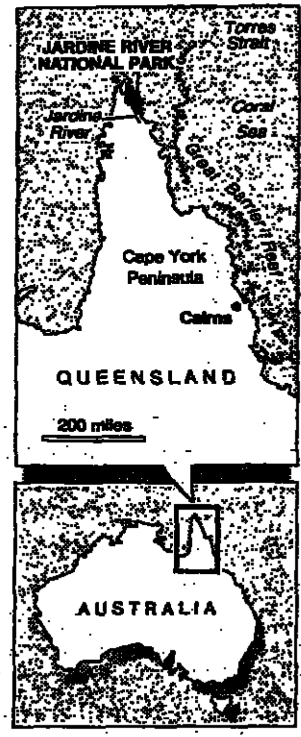
Dave awoke one morning a few months ago to find, unannounced, a hefty chain cutting him off from his livelihood. Officialdom, ever anxious to show that the Aborigines are its first concern, was making another gesture. He is still fighting the politics of the chain which could strangle him, and has now had to pay $600 for a key to open the way to a place no other man, black or white, wants to go.

Politics gets into fishing, too. Australia is as much afraid of declining fish stocks as anywhere else in the world, and netting the prized barramundi is strictly controlled. Only Aborigines are free to hunt the barramundi without licences: and they have abandoned their traditional fishing spears gleefully and become skilled in the mass slaughter made possible by the white man's nylon nets.

So, in places where it is illegal for others to net, the Aboriginals are free to fish — and sell on to the white men waiting on the shore.

Dave Donald's lonely outpost operates in conjunction with the Cape York Wilderness Lodge, which, while still extremely remote, does at least have beds. It has in fact pulled off the neat trick of providing luxury in the wild, allowing closet sybarites to pretend they are being spartan. At just 400 yards from the tip of the Australian continent, the lodge is the most northerly settlement in country. It is not heartbroken that Japanese package tourists tend to give it a miss.

Camcording armies of Japanese invade tropical Queensland and the Great Barrier Reef in much the same way as the Brits infested the Spanish Costas, and they are creating much the same problem.



Queensland's tourism appears stunned into a paralysis of indecision about how to cope. "Peril in Paradise" is the headline in the Brisbane *Courier-Mail* above an article revealing that tourism is now the state's third largest industry and its biggest employer.

More than 50 per cent of foreign funds involved in Australian tourist projects have gone to Queensland, "the jewel in the Australian tourist crown". Of the estimated A$2.6 billion foreign currency poured into tourist projects in 1988-89, 90 per cent came from Japan and a recent study by the Committee for Economic Development of Australia indicates this is "merely an appetiser of what is to come".

Too much of the currency attracted by the Queensland jewel has been dedicated to upmarket visitors, including 16 five-star hotels, and not nearly enough to middle range accommodation and backpacker hostels, despite a huge demand.

Queensland has three million residents and four million tourists each year. Hawaii has under a million population, yet copes with 5.6 million tourists. Yen-loving entrepreneurs, and some government officials, are already being tempted by the luring equation: Hawaii 5.6 million = Queensland 18 million. Others, fearful for the fragile ecology of the Barrier Reef and the state's wilderness wildlife, warn of the dangers behind this simple arithmetic.

Eddie Hegerl, Queensland president of the Australian Littoral Society, told the *Courier-Mail*: "Great Barrier Reef tourism expanded at a rate of 30 per cent a year for the three years to 1990. Crocodile watching on the Daintree has gone from nothing a year or so ago to 1,000 people a day. I don't know how the crocodiles feel about it, but the residents of Cairns are quite fed up. They want to be able to go fishing and diving without being overwhelmed by tourists charging out in helicopters and boats to pontoons on the reef."

It was partly this sort of commercial greed and short-sighted political manoeuvring which drove Dave Donald practically to abandon civilisation and take to the wild.

The barramundi were showing contempt for our bait, and as we waited for the changing tides to bring them on the feed I allowed my mind to drift back to forbidden territory: would Dave ever get rid of his chain? When will Major call an election? Are interest rates still falling back home? Did we win the fifth Test?

It was a temporary lapse. I reached for another stubbie from the eskie and captured the mood of the moment: "*Moomba*," I said to Dave.

JACK CROSSLEY

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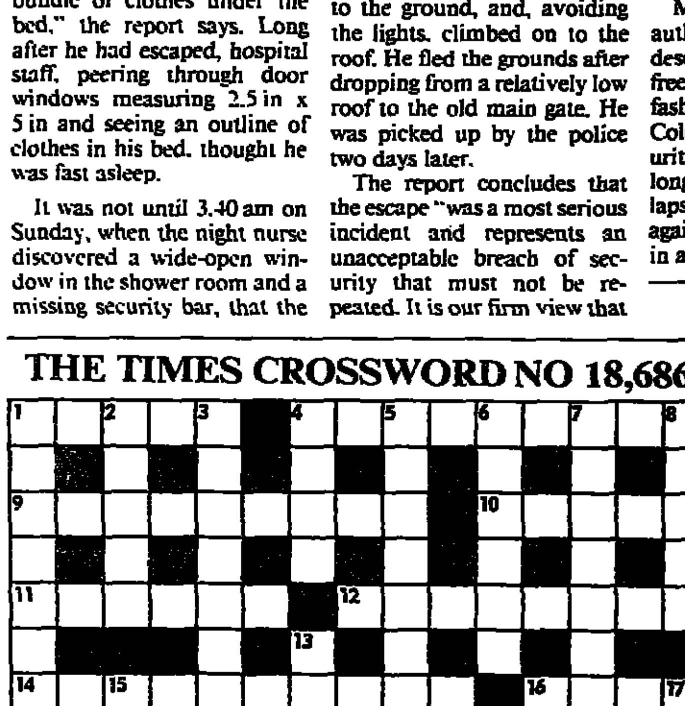

ACROSS
1 It's necessary to describe somebody as a slattern (5).
4 Leave fool to rule after end of Yule (2,4,3).
9 What happened in the Boxer Rebellion? A bloomer (5,4).
10 Novelist who is bilingual? Yes (5).
11 The way to travel — walk (6).
12 Uncle set out for something to eat (8).
14 A second reading incorporates university, in accordance with custom (2,3,5).
16 In the which one's up the creek, well up (4).
19 Hit back and get game (4).
20 What you might call a beanpole with, below, 4 b-beans entwined (3,2,5).
22 Mum lets people wade here (8).
23 In confusion deserter and robber . . . (6).
26 . . dropping money becomes incensed (5).
27 Double 1000 ÷ 200 and be quick about it (4,5).
28 Dipper in jar uncovered, we hear (5,4).
29 Cricket team takes two points, ends on 17 (5).

DOWN
1 Supports the Archbishop, in a manner of speaking (4,5).
2 Gather some herbs, including rosemary, ready for starters (5).
3 Devious routes and ways to take in the alien (8).
4 Leave one fellow out — he's a fool (4).
5 When you can hunt one, pass one out (4,6).
6 Departure from America, after the party's over (6).
7 Record the reduction in value (5-4).
8 As yet uncertain, in ferment (5).
13 Large vehicle out of control bearing a writer (5,5).
15 Everyone standing up given sauce for pout (4,1,4).
17 Sap exuded can be collected using these steps (3,2,4).
18 Leading seaman gets heartless, order to abandon (8).
21 I was a prince, though I was succeeded by a king (6).
22 Rock music (5).
24 A bit of canvas hoisted under another name (5).
25 Animal's food supply cut (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,685

A	C	C	U	S	E	D		T	I	P	P	L	E	R
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SONERI
a. A son and heir
b. A sunset bugle call
c. Cloth of gold

KUKU
a. A Tahitian robe
b. A fruity bird
c. Sweet rice porridge

EXIMIOUS
a. Distinguished
b. Guarding jealously
c. Marrying exogamously

CIMELIA
a. The eyelids
b. A camel train
c. Treasures

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WEATHER

Much of England and Wales will be dry, but some rain is likely to reach the north-west this afternoon and the north-east tonight. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start largely dry, but it will turn cloudier and windier as rain comes from the west this afternoon, particularly in north-west Scotland. Outlook: rain in the north spreading south and dying out as it does so, followed by some blustery showers in the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	f	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Malaga	29	84	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	33	91	s
Algiers	35	95	s	Melb'rne	13	55	f
Amst'dm	25	77	s	Miami*	32	90	t
Athens	32	90	s	Milan	28	82	s
Bahrain	38	100	s	Montreal*	28	82	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	15	59	f
Barcelna	27	81	s	Munich	24	75	s
Belgrade	21	70	f	Nairobi	21	70	f
Berlin	24	75	f	Naples	29	84	f
Bermuda*	30	86	s	N Delhi	36	97	s
Biarritz	23	73	f	N York*	32	90	f
Borde'x	27	81	f	Nice	27	81	s
Brussels	26	79	s	Oslo	20	68	f
Budapst	20	68	f	Paris	29	84	s
B Aires*	24	75	s	Peking	31	88	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	20	68	s
Cape Tn	14	57	c	Prague	22	72	s
Ch'church	14	57	s	Reykjavik	15	59	s
Cologne	24	75	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
C'phagn	19	66	s	Rio de J	22	72	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Riyadh	42	108	s
Dublin	21	70	s	Roma	27	81	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Salzburg	23	73	f
Faro	25	77	s	S F'risco*	21	70	f
Florence	30	86	s	Santiago*	15	59	s
Frankfurt	26	79	f	Seoul	33	91	s
Funchal	25	78	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	27	81	s	St'kholm	22	72	f
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Helsinki	21	70	t	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Innsbrck	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Istanbul	29	84	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	27	81	c
Jo'burg*	18	64	s	Toronto*	28	82	f
L Palmas	24	75	s	Tunis	32	90	f
Le Tquet	21	70	s	Valencia	31	88	s
Lisbon	28	82	s	Vanc'ver*	20	68	s
Locarno	28	82	s	Venice	28	82	s
London	23	73	s	Vienna	23	73	f
L Angels*	22	72	c	Warsaw	23	73	f
Luxembg	25	77	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	f
Luxor	41	106	s	Wel'nton	13	55	f
Madrid	35	95	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	3.5	-	20	68	bright
Anglesey	7.0	-	18	64	bright
Aviemore	2.5	.02	17	63	cloudy
Belfast	1.9	.08	18	64	cloudy
Birmingham	8.8	-	24	75	sunny
Blackpool	7.0	-	19	66	sunny
Bournemouth	6.2	.01	22	72	bright
Bristol	3.5	-	23	73	bright
Buxton	8.3	-	20	68	bright
Cardiff	3.7	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	7.5	-	17	63	sunny
Cromer	5.5	-	22	72	bright
Douglas	3.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Edinburgh	3.5	-	19	66	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.5	.01	17	63	bright
Falmouth	0.9	-	20	68	cloudy
Glasgow	2.2	-	18	64	bright
Guernsey	2.8	-	20	68	cloudy
Hunstanton	9.0	-	22	72	sunny
Jersey	9.8	-	23	73	sunny
Kinloss	2.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Leeds	8.2	-	24	75	bright
Lerwick	1.9	-	15	59	cloudy
London	8.7	-	26	79	sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	7.2	-	21	70	sunny
Minehead	3.2	.01	21	70	bright
Morecambe	8.3	-	19	66	bright
Newcastle	8.3	-	21	70	sunny
Newquay	5.4	-	18	64	bright
Nottingham	9.8	-	23	73	sunny
Penzance	5.5	-	21	70	bright
Plymouth	5.4	-	20	68	bright
Salcombe	4.8	-	21	70	bright
Saunton Snd	5.7	.06	19	66	bright
Scarborough	7.2	-	19	66	bright
Scilly Isles	8.7	-	20	68	bright
Stornoway	0.1	.02	15	59	rain
Teignmouth	4.7	-	20	68	bright
Tenby	7.5	-	19	66	bright
Tiree	0.5	.04	16	61	rain
Torquay	3.8	-	21	70	bright
Weymouth	5.7	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	1.4	-	18	64	cloudy

These are Wednesday's figures

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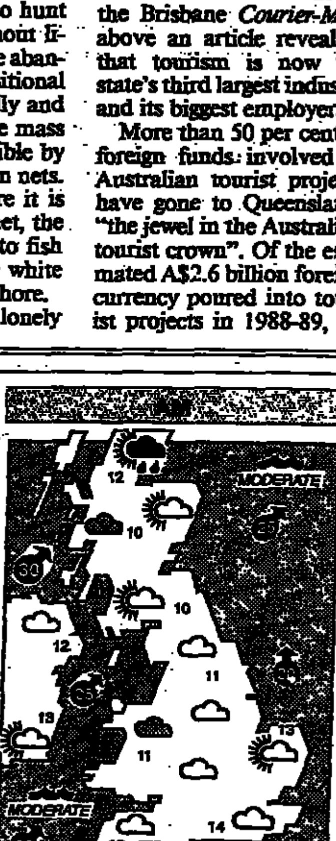
TOURIST RATES

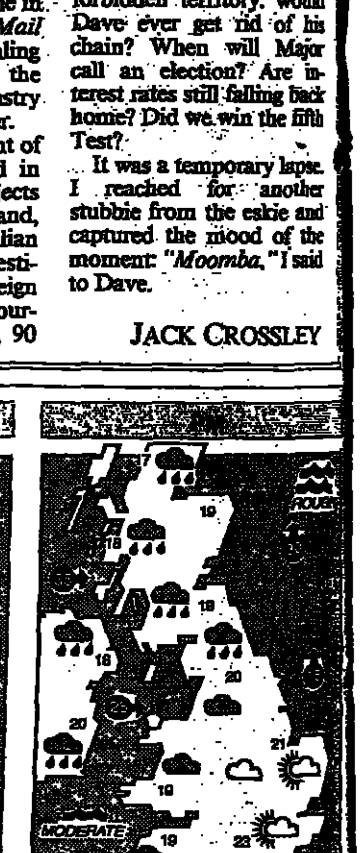
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.26	2.11
Austria Sch	21.85	20.15
Belgium Fr	63.25	59.25
Canada $	2.03	1.88
Denmark Kr	11.87	11.12
Finland Mkk	7.51	7.08
France Fr	10.38	9.73
Germany Dm	3.065	2.865
Greece Dr	335.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	13.70	12.70
Ireland Pt	1.144	1.074
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	246.00	228.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.04	11.24
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.44
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	8100.00	7300.00
USA $	1.775	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.008 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.2 hr.





YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	c	Guernsey	20	68	s
B'rmgham	22	72	f	Inverness	18	64	c
Blackpool	18	64	f	Jersey	21	70	s
Bristol	21	70	s	London	23	73	s
Cardiff	20	68	f	M'nchster	21	70	c
Edinburgh	19	66	f	Newcastle	19	66	c
Glasgow	19	66	f	R'nldsway	17	63	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Northolt, west London, 26C (79F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Prestwick, Kintyre, and Machrihanish, Strathclyde: Fair Isle, Shetland; Belfast, 0.08 in; highest sunshine: Hastings, East Sussex, 10.5 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.22 pm to 5.48 am
Bristol 8.32 pm to 5.58 am
Edinburgh 8.48 pm to 5.47 am
Manchester 8.36 pm to 5.51 am
Penzance 8.40 pm to 6.14 am

Sun rises: 5.47 am
Sun sets: 8.22 pm
Moon rises: 2.6 pm
Moon sets: 10.23 pm
First Quarter Tomorrow

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.4 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.46	6.7	6.58	6.7
Aberdeen	6.8	3.9	6.40	3.5
Avonmouth			12.5	11.6
Belfast	4.1	3.4	4.29	3.0
Cardiff	11.50	10.8		
Devonport	10.33	4.9	10.45	4.8
Dover	3.44	6.1	4.5	6.2
Falmouth	10.3	4.7	10.15	4.6
Glasgow	5.22	4.9	5.54	4.5
Harwich	4.39	3.7	4.50	3.8
Holyhead	3.4	5.1	3.30	4.8
Hull	11.9	7.0	11.38	6.4
Ilfracombe	10.52	8.0	11.10	7.8
King's Lynn	11.18	6.1	11.49	5.4
Leith	7.45	5.1	8.9	4.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	3.54	8.7	4.17	8.2
Lowestoft	2.26	2.1	2.30	2.4
Margate	4.53	4.4	5.2	4.5
Milford Haven	11.7	6.0	11.27	5.5
Newquay	10.2	6.1	10.23	3.2
Oban	10.25	3.3	10.35	3.2
Penzance	9.43	4.9	9.58	4.6
Portland	11.38	1.8	11.53	1.7
Portsmouth	4.21	4.2	5.0	4.7
Shoreham	3.53	5.6	4.12	5.7
Southampton	3.44	4.1	4.12	4.1
Swansea	11.12	8.4	11.31	8.2
Tees	8.38	5.0	9.9	4.6
W'ton-on-Nze	4.34	3.9	4.48	4.0

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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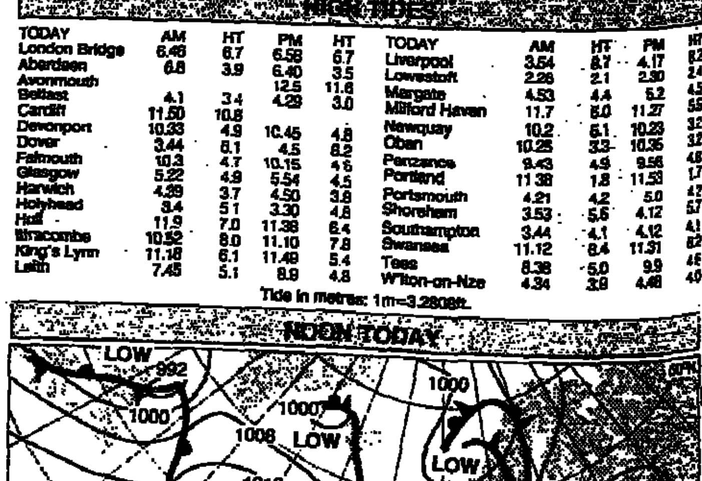

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BUSINESS

FRIDAY AUGUST 16 1991

Business Editor
John Bell

WEEKEND
MONEY
TOMORROW

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PROFILE

Pulling Guinness together after the Distillers débâcle was like organising people to hunt down terrorists in Palestine in 1947. **Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden**, now deputy chairman, talks to Carol Leonard.

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HOME RIGHTS

With mortgage arrears and repossessions at record levels, Lindsay Cook, Money Editor, looks at borrowers' rights.

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SELF ASSESSMENT

Self-employed taxpayers will be allowed to assess their own tax liability if Inland Revenue proposals are adopted. Report by Sara McConnell.

FT-SE record

Share prices extended this week's record-breaking, despite the expected rise in German interest rates. Investors in the Square Mile remain convinced that the worst of the recession is over. The FT-SE 100 index closed below its best with a rise of 8.4 to a new closing peak of 2,617.2.

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Glynwed slides

Glynwed International is holding its 1991 interim dividend at 4.15p though halftime pre-tax profits fell from £40.4 million to £10.4 million on turnover of £506 million (£578.7 million).

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Scicon outlook

The £160 million bid from EDS for SD-Scicon, the electronics group, closes tomorrow. *Tempus* looks at the prospects for SD-Scicon's independence.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.6870 (–0.0020)

German mark
2.9244 (–0.0043)

Exchange index
90.6 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2042.6 (+9.3)

FT-SE 100
2617.2 (+8.4)

New York Dow Jones
3011.85 (+6.48)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23018.68 (–374.62)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Glynwed	251p (+26p)
ADT	540p (+20p)
H Barrett	52½p (+11p)
Bespak	421½p (+17p)
De La Rue	466½p (+12p)
McKechnie	304½p (+12p)
Reuters	851½p (+12p)
Securiguard	95p (+11p)
TI	586½p (+11p)
Wardle Storeys	311½p (+18p)
Yorkshire Chem	489p (+12p)
Hickson	179½p (+11p)
Heywood Williams	290p (+19p)
Rogas	215p (+10p)
Central TV	862½p (+48p)
Blenheim Group	972½p (+45p)
Legal & General	458½p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Bass	928½p (–7p)
Elec Data Process	211½p (–10p)
Ultramar	282½p (–11p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11-10⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 10$^{15}/_{32}$-10$^{7}/_{16}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.30-5.29%*
30-year bonds 100$^{9}/_{32}$-100$^{5}/_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6870	£: $1.6875*
£: DM2.9244	$: DM1.7330*
£: SwFr2.5714	$: SwFr1.5230*
£: FFr9.9474	$: FFr5.8955*
£: Yen230.19	$: Yen136.41*
£: Index 90.6	$: Index 66.4
ECU £0.700007	SDR £0.793055
£: ECU1.428557	£: SDR1.260946

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $358.00 pm-$358.35
close $357.90-358.40 (£212.20-212.70)
New York:
Comex $359.25-359.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) .... $19.25 bbl ($19.30)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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Recovery 'likely to be slow in early stages'

Bank expects no real upturn until next year

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

NO RAPID upturn in the British economy is likely before next year, the Bank of England now believes, because interest rate cuts will take longer to boost consumer spending than has been assumed.

In an assessment in its *Quarterly Bulletin*, the Bank says the economy is probably "bumping along the bottom", despite the lack of clear evidence of an end to the recession. The Bank's economists back the Chancellor's prediction that the economy will turn up before the end of the year, but only half-heartedly, seeing this as no more than a balance of probabilities. "Although there can be little certainty over timing, the future level of output is more likely to turn up than down".

This could happen in the third quarter, but if so, the rise in output would be due mainly to a recovery in North Sea oil production. A recovery in consumption remains the key to true recovery. The Bank argues that consumption, which tailed off rapidly in the seond half of last year, is no longer falling and is likely to rise in the second half of the year in the absence of any further shocks.

More important than the actual timing of the end of the recession, the Bank thinks, is that recovery is likely to be slow in the early stages. The Bank is markedly more pessimistic about the short-term outlook than it was three months ago, but is much more optimistic about the likelihood of a sustainable recovery building up next year and in 1993. Inflation is likely to fall below 4 per cent on underlying measures favoured by the Bank and, on past evidence, the full impact of the 4-point cut in interest rates will be felt from the middle of next year.

The Bank's economists have not given up hope of one or possibly two further cuts in interest rates but argue that any further cuts will have to be small because sterling interest rates are now less than two points higher than German rates. Rates in Germany appear to set a floor for those of other countries in the European exchange-rate mechanism, it says.

Further evidence of lower inflation has come from the latest employment statistics, which show that the underlying annual average growth in earnings has fallen for the sixth month running, taking it down from 9¾ per cent last December to a provisional 8¼ per cent in June.

But there is also more evidence that the recession has become much deeper than previously expected. Capital spending by manufacturing industry fell 21 per cent to £2.2 billion between the first and second quarters of the year. Spending in the second quarter, on provisional figures that include leased assets, was 28 per cent down on the same period a year ago. This is a record annual drop, outpacing even the 27 per cent annual fall at the bottom of the last recession ten years ago.

The unexpectedly high rise of 68,000 in national unemployment in July, seasonally adjusted, conceals wide regional variations which confirm other statistics suggesting the recession is likely to end faster in the North, reversing the experience of previous recessions.

The sharpest rise in unemployment occurred in Greater London, the West Midlands, the Southwest and Wales, with a rise on the month of 0.3 per cent. The lowest increase was recorded in Scotland and Northern Ireland, where the rise was 0.1 per cent.

Over the past 12 months, the largest increase in unemployment has taken place in the Southeast, where the proportion of the labour force without work has risen by 3.2 per cent to 7.1 per cent.

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Bundesbank raises key interest rates

By Wolfgang Münchau, european business correspondent

THE Bundesbank has raised the key lombard interest rate by a quarter of a point to 9.25 per cent to signal its determination to fight inflation in Germany.

The rise in the lombard rate was lower than expected by financial markets and followed intense pressure by the German government and banks, which had warned the Bundesbank not to over-react.

The Bundesbank's central council, which met for the first time under the presidency of Helmut Schlesinger, also raised the discount rate from 6.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

The widely expected rise in this rate, which is mainly relevant only in a domestic context, is aimed at closing a previously large gap between the two rates and reducing the subsidy element of discount borrowing, which accounts for just under a third of total funds that the Bundesbank injects into the money market.

The small rise in the lombard rate will have only a minimal impact on other European countries, including Britain, and is unlikely to impose any significant constraint on the Chancellor to reduce British base rates from the current 11 per cent.

The move on German interest rates follows a rise in inflation, which reached 4.4 per cent in July, due to higher indirect taxes because of extra demands in the economy from German unification.

Professor Schlesinger said: "The rise in interest rates cannot only be explained on technical grounds. We intend to emphasise our policy, which is oriented towards price stability. We know the rise in interest rates cannot undo the recent price increases, but it can contribute to a levelling off in further price rises."

Inflation will receive another push in January, when further indirect tax rises will be implemented, although inflation is expected to fall by the middle of next year.

Professor Schlesinger gave warning that the action was necessary to discourage unions from taking into account further price rises during the next wage round early next year.

Royal suffers £97m loss

By Neil Bennett, banking correspondent

ROYAL Insurance has said it will have to bring in heavy increases in its motor and home policies and sacrifice market share in response to a £97 million pre-tax loss in the first half of the year.

The composite insurance group's interim figures compared with a £65 million loss last time. Royal is holding its dividend at 11.25p.

The figures showed that Royal is losing market share due to the large price increases in its policies. General premium income fell by 12 per cent to £1.73 billion.

The loss in the second quarter was £34 million, compared with a £63 million deficit in the first three months.

Royal's results improved in America, where losses were reduced from £52 million to £16 million, and in the international division, which made a £3 million pre-tax profit, compared with a £10 million loss last time.

These improvements, however, were wiped out by a £104 million loss in Britain. The group had to pay out £100 million on subsidence and mortgage guarantee claims.

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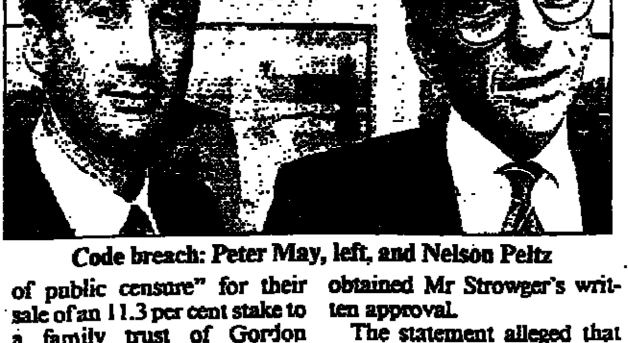
Mountleigh chiefs censured

By Matthew Bond



Code breach: Peter May, left, and Nelson Peltz

NELSON Peltz and Peter May, the American businessmen who are respectively chairman and joint managing director of Mountleigh Group, the property company, have been publicly censured by the London Stock Exchange.

It criticised them for selling half their 22.6 per cent stake in Mountleigh for 100p a share in May, 20p above the prevailing market price. Less than seven weeks later in July, Mountleigh unveiled the terms of a two-for-one rights issue at 25p a share. Pre-tax losses of £96 million accompanied what was described by some as a rescue rights issue, given that a refinancing agreement with the company's banks was conditional on the rights issue going ahead.

An official statement from the exchange said its quotations panel was "strongly of the view that in all the circumstances Mr Peltz and Mr May should be the subject of public censure" for their sale of an 11.3 per cent stake to a family trust of Gordon Getty, son of the late Paul Getty, the American billionaire.

The panel also criticised Clive Strowger, Mountleigh's chief executive and the former finance director of Grand Metropolitan, for failing to consult the exchange before giving his consent to the share transactions. Mr Peltz and Mr May apparently sought and obtained Mr Strowger's written approval.

The statement alleged that Mr Peltz and Mr May had breached the Stock Exchange's model code covering share dealing by directors on two counts. First, the pair had sold shares in the two-month close period that conventionally precedes the announcement of any public company's results, and second, that the sale to the Getty trust came at a time when the businessmen were in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information.

The Stock Exchange statement implies that this price-sensitive information was Mountleigh's financial condition and the need for a short-term refinancing.

The Stock Exchange rejected Mountleigh's submission that the results had been brought forward and that the sale had been made in "exceptional circumstances".

The statment concluded: "... if Mountleigh or its advisers had consulted the exchange in advance of transacting the share sales, Mountleigh would have been advised that the sales, if undertaken, would constitute a breach of the model code and should therefore not take place".

The Stock Exchange censure could jeopardise the outcome of the £96 million rights issue, which closes on Monday.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Taking over: Joseph Wan, group finance director of Dickson Concepts, yesterday

SFA steps up surveillance

By Angela Mackay

THE Securities and Futures Authority, the regulator, has stepped up surveillance of its members since it was formed in April to clamp down on technical misdemeanours and offences related to the handling of client funds.

Over the past four months, fines totalling £350,000 have been imposed on offenders.

Yesterday, the SFA fined First Futures Brokers £55,000 for misleading advertising, inadequate records, missing client documentation and client money inadequacies. First Futures, a medium-sized London firm, was ordered to pay £20,000 costs.

The SFA said the rule breaches amounted to "a serious failure of investor protection". First Futures, which has mostly British and German clients, said the acts of misconduct were not intentional.

As a result of the firm's misleading advertisment in respect of a discretionary managed account, the SFA is considering changes to its rules to ensure that an account's actual trading performance is used in an advertisement, instead of a simulated trading performance.

Last month the SFA fined GW Futures £70,000. It also ordered the company to pay £17,000 costs as well as $100,000 compensation to investors. Among other fines recently levied, GW Morse, an individual trader, was fined £75,000 and found unfit and unproper to be admitted to any of the SFA's registers; Williams de Broë was fined £70,000 for technical breaches; Aitken Hume Bank was censured and fined £18,000 and James Capel was fined £20,000 this week for trade reporting breaches.

The SFA's investigation unit, which has seven full-time members, is working to capacity at present. A spokesman refused to say how many cases that involved, but it is believed several individuals are being investigated and only a handful of firms.

The SFA was created on April 1 by a merger of The Securities Association and the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers.

Burton sells Harvey Nichols for £60m

By Colin Campbell

BURTON Group has sold the freehold premises and the business of Harvey Nichols, the Knightsbridge store, to Dickson Concepts for £60 million.

The sale of Harvey Nichols, founded as a linen shop in 1813 and acquired by Burton in 1985 when it bought Debenhams, comes after Burton's £161 million rights issue and is part of the retailer's promise to dispose of certain non-core businesses.

Dickson Concepts, based in Hong Kong, owns and operates almost 100 retail outlets and wholesales to more than 5,000 outlets internationally.

The Burton sale is conditional only on confirmation that the deal will not be referred to the monopolies commission. The sale is due to be completed on October 3.

The purchase price includes £44.6 million for the shares of Harvey Nichols (Holdings) and Burton's interest in related premises. Dickson will also re-pay to Burton inter-group borrowings, estimated at £9 million, and assume external debts of £6 million.

The Knightsbridge store had an open market valuation of £35 million at May 24. The goodwill element is less than £10 million, Dickson said.

Book value of the net assets being sold, after deducting inter-group debts and external indebtedness, was £41.4 million at September 1, 1990.

Laurence Cooklin, Burton's chief executive, said the sale strengthens Burton's balance sheet and benefits earnings per share. Burton shares were unchanged at 40½p.

Harvey Nichols' turnover in the year to end-September, 1990, was £36.9 million, and profit before interest, tax and rent was £1.4 million. Dickson says Harvey Nichols' pre-tax and pre-interest profit under its accounting policies for the 1990 year was £355,000.

Dickson Poon, chairman of Dickson Concepts, aims to develop Harvey Nichols "nationally and internationally".

Dickson reported a worldwide turnover of HK$2.2 billion (£166 million) in the year to end-March and net profits of HK$222 million.

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China-backed group bids £530m for HK trader

From LULU YU IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong subsidiary of China International Trust and Investment Corp (Citic), China's main investment firm in the colony, is leading a HK$7 billion (£530 million) bid battle for Hang Chong, a private trading and property group.

Citic, Peking's overseas investment arm, already has extensive interests in Hong Kong's aviation, telecommunications, property and banking sectors. By extending its grip to a trader, it could become a conglomerate rivalling Jardine Matheson and Hutchison Whampoa.

Hang Chong, which owns Hong Kong's biggest car distribution network, is one of the colony's oldest and most profitable trading concerns. It made profits of more than HK$1 billion last year, and had a net asset value of HK$7.79 billion, or HK$370 per share, as valued by Schroders Asia, its financial adviser, in June.

If acquired by Citic, it would add substantially to the Chinese group's assets in Hong Kong, which grew from HK$300 million in 1986 to HK$20 billion last year, including significant stakes in Cathay Pacific, Dragonair, Hong Kong Telecom, Macau Telecom, and Ka Wah Bank.

Analysts say Citic is keen to increase its economic and political clout in the run-up to the colony's return to China in 1997. Some expressed concern that Hong Kong could be dominated by a group loyal to, and controlled by Peking.

"Citic's influence can prove a stabilising force in Hong Kong, but they're getting into so many things I'm beginning to suspect quasi-monopolistic aspirations. Citic's presence can be a negative factor if they become driven by political rather than business considerations," said Dr Miron Mushkat, research director of Baring Securities Hong Kong.

Larry Yung, the Citic Hong Kong chief, has teamed up with local tycoons including Li Ka Shing, Cheng Yu Tung, the New World Development chairman, and Robert Kuok, owner of the Kerry Trading Co and the Shangri-La hotel chain, in the takeover fight.

The consortium, bidding through Tylfull, Citic Hong Kong's listed vehicle, of which Mr Li, Mr Cheng and Mr Kuok are shareholders, is offering HK$330 a share for Hang Chong's 21 million shares, valuing the company at about HK$7 billion.

The bid exceeds an earlier offer of HK$254 a share by a consortium led by Mr Cheng. That offer was rejected by Ho Sin Hang and Leung Kau Kui, Hang Chong's leading shareholders, with a combined holding of about 30 per cent.

The Tylfull consortium has not given any details after announcing its bid last week, but it is understood to be awaiting a rival offer by Samuel Lam, one of Hang Chong's founders, whose family controls about 2 per cent of the company. Mr Lam was involved in the earlier bid with Mr Cheng.

Hickson profits drop 44%

LOSSES at the floor-coverings distribution subsidiary of Hickson International helped depress the chemical group's pre-tax profits 44 per cent to £10.2 million in the first half of this year. The interim dividend stays at 2.85p.

The results are the first to be reported under the chairmanship of Sir Gordon Jones who joined the group in June after a group management shake-up. The floor-coverings distribution side lost £1.1 million compared with a profit of £700,000. Sir Gordon said: "It is clear that this business is not part of the core activities of the group."

The board expected "a reasonably satisfactory outcome for the full year". A reorganisation and redundancy charge of £3.8 million was taken above the line as an exceptional item. There was also a £3.2 million extraordinary charge relating to losses on disposals.

Costs resulting from the company's American legal case, involving its fire retardant chemicals, could not be quantified with certainty but were unlikely to exceed £5 million. The shares rose 10p to 179p on the news.

Thomson falls

Group pre-tax income at the Thomson Corporation, the Canadian-controlled publishing and travel group, plunged from US$153 million to US$75 million (£44.5 million) in the first half of this year as a result of difficult economic conditions, travel losses exacerbated by the Gulf war and a decline in newspaper profits.

HK auction

Aggressive bidding in a public land auction drove up land prices to twice the minimum level set by the Hong Kong government. The sale of two residential sites in Kowloon fetched HK$890 million (£67.9 million), exceeding analysts' expectations and lifting the colony's property prices to record levels.

USM placing

Airbreak Leisure Group, a specialist tour operator, is to join the USM through a placing of 4.8 million shares at 25p each by Williams de Broë to raise £1 million. Dealings begin next Thursday.

News interim

The News Corporation, the owner of *The Times*, has announced an unchanged interim dividend of 5 Australian cents for the six months to end-December. The dividend is payable on September 11.

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Expecting deeper losses: Bill Hayden, chairman of Jaguar, where voluntary redundancies have been extended

Jaguar may cut 300 more jobs

UP TO 300 more jobs could be shed by Jaguar, the luxury car maker, in addition to the 1,500 jobs already lost this year through voluntary redundancy.

The company said: "We have extended our voluntary redundancy programme which was going to close at the end of August and has been extended into September. It provides terms which are more favourable to 50 to 59-year-olds within the company. We have not put a number on it but people have estimated it will be taken up by up to 300 people."

Jaguar, which is chaired by Bill Hayden, is having its toughest year since facing bankruptcy in 1980 before recovering sufficiently to achieve a stock market flotation in August 1984. Sales in the United Kingdom slumped by 25 per cent last year and were down 64 per cent in January this year.

The company relies for most of its sales on the United Kingdom and American markets, both of which have been hard hit by the recession.

Jaguar, which was bought by Ford, the American motor manufacturer, for £1.6 billion two years ago, made losses of about £50 million last year, a figure that is expected to rise substantially.

The company's 8,500 hourly paid workers in Birmingham and Coventry were put on short-time working for more than two months earlier this year.

World expansion hits BTG profits

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE cost of developing an international network of offices to find and license inventions reduced profits at British Technology Group, the technology transfer organisation marked for privatisation this autumn.

Pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 slipped 32 per cent to £6.47 million. However, the setback is unlikely to hinder the sale, which will take a unique form designed to protect the special relationship between the group and the universities and research centres that provide most of its patents.

The delayed bill paving the way for the group's privatisation is expected to begin its report stage in the House of Lords on October 15. It is set to include provisions for a five-year golden share and restrictions to prevent any shareholder holding more than 15 per cent of the equity.

Sir Colin: new ideas

Sooner than hold a trade sale, which might open the way for asset strippers, BTG will be bought by a consortium of institutions, including pension funds and research bodies.

The Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals will be entitled to appoint a director, and is expected to hold an equity stake in the group. Managers and other employees will also be offered shares.

Last year, revenues from licensing successful inventions among BTG's portfolio of 8,200 patents were £30.71 million, up 4 per cent. The group distributed £7.86 million to inventors. Last year, 79 per cent of revenues were earned overseas. The number of inventions offered for assessment increased 31 per cent to 684, and an increasing proportion, 29 per cent, came from industry sources.

Under Sir Colin Barker, its chairman, BTG is opening a worldwide network of offices — in Europe, the United States and India — to improve the flow of new ideas.

Traditionally, many of BTG's more successful patents have been in the medical field, especially in pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and insecticides.

Foreign & Colonial assets jump 24%

By JONATHAN PRYNN

A PROGRAMME to buy British shares launched as the market bottomed out during the Gulf war has helped net assets per share at Foreign & Colonial, the world's largest investment trust, jump 24 per cent to 188.8p in the half year to June.

The programme targeted "UK companies we know well", said Michael Hart, a director in the UK department of F&C, and included a £3 million purchase of ICI shares at around 800p. They are currently trading at £13.30p. The first half increase in asset value almost exactly matched the decline in the second half of last year. Net assets per share in June 1990 were 188.2p.

The company is to pay an interim dividend of 1.07p, a 7 per cent increase, and said that it intends to pay a final dividend of at least 2.03p, making a total for the year of 3.1p (2.9p).

John Sclater, the chairman, said: "The rise in asset value reflects the recovery in stock markets after the Gulf warand the strength of the dollar and yen relative to sterling. Performance has also benefited from the timely purchase of investments with borrowed funds in the difficult stock market conditions of late 1990." Mr Hart added that since the half-year end the trust had been cutting gearing and had been a net seller of British shares.

Half-year revenue attributable to shareholders rose 13 per cent to £11.6 million.

Blagden blames recession for fall

By PHILIP PANGALOS

BLAGDEN Industries, the packaging, chemicals and protective equipment group, has put the blame on margin pressure and the recession in Britain for a 21 per cent decline in first-half profits.

The company says it is over the worst, however.

Pre-tax profits fell to £5.41 million (£6.86 million) in the six months to end-June. Tec Wilkinson, the chairman, said: "We are over the worst, but I don't see a full red-blooded recovery until the end of the year."

Mr Wilkinson added that the largest single factor in the profit shortfall was a decline in turnover to £109.7 million (£115 million).

This in turn resulted in pressure on margins.

Mr Wilkinson said that this was exacerbated by increased costs resulting from smaller batch production due to short order calling.

About 54 per cent of the group's turnover comes from mainland Europe, with the percentage expected to grow.

Operating profits from international packaging operations slipped to £4.47 million (£4.83 million), on turnover down to £59.4 million (£63 million).

Packaging profits in the United Kingdom dipped to £1.29 million (£1.68 million) on turnover of £20.5 million (£23.2 million).

Chemicals profits declined to £1.6 million (£2.01 million), on turnover that was slightly increased at £23.3 million. In spite of acquisitions, destocking led to a reduction in industrial equipment profits to £471,000 from £698,000. Earnings slipped to 7.3p (9.7p) a share.

The interim dividend is maintained at 4.5p. Gearing improved to 34 per cent at the half-year stage, compared with 38 per cent at the end of last year and 45 per cent at June 1990. The shares eased 2p to 202p.

Bank continues probe over Rubin

By JON ASHWORTH

THE Bank of England is continuing its investigation into the affairs of David Rubin, the north London businessman who disappeared three weeks ago owing investors an estimated £60 million.

Mr Rubin, aged 45, part of an ultra-orthodox Jewish community, is believed to be abroad. But the affair is shrouded in secrecy since the Hassidic group to which he belongs believes in policing itself.

Investigations have been hampered because nobody has been prepared to come forward and comment.

In the first action to be taken so far, two American businessmen this week obtained court orders in Switzerland freezing Mr Rubin's holdings.

Louis and Moshe Kestenbaum, owners of L and M Merchandising, took action to prevent funds being transferred from their bank in New York to Discount Bank and Trust Company of Geneva. In a telephone interview with *The Jewish Chronicle* last week, Mr Rubin blamed his plight on a £2.4 million trading deal with Zaire that turned sour.

He admitted he owed £9 million, but said newspaper reports that up to £100 million was at stake were "far in excess of reality".

DM Rubin & Associates, which traded from offices in Golders Green, does not appear to have been registered with any regulatory body.

The Bank of England and the police are investigating allegations of illegal deposit-taking.

The Serious Fraud Office would neither confirm nor deny that it was investigating Mr Rubin's affairs, but agreed that the case fell within its terms of reference.

Mr Rubin is the son of the Rabbi of Sassow, a spiritual leader in north London's Hassidic community.

Lilley may deflate fizzy drinks makers

By ROSS TIEMAN
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PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, is considering action against Britain's fizzy drinks manufacturers after an enquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission identified anti-competitive practices.

The MMC found that restrictions imposed by Coca-Cola & Schweppes Beverages and Britvic, which together control 90 per cent of sales to pubs, clubs, and fast food restaurants, were likely to lead to reduced consumer choice, and fatter profit margins for vendors.

However, the enquiry gave carbonated drinks manufacturers a broadly clean bill of health for their activities in the retail sector, which accounted for 82 per cent of the industry's 1989 sales of £1.3 billion.

The MMC said: "Overall we have found that the carbonated soft drinks market is, in many respects, a competitive one which has been operating to the benefit of consumers." CC-SB, which makes and distributes Coca-Cola and Schweppes brands, welcomed the findings. Derek Williams, managing director, said the company began making changes in arrangements with distributors in the licensed trade a year ago.

He hoped the MMC findings would improve CC-SB's access to the licensed trade, which is dominated by Britvic. The MMC acknowledged that "the shareholding relationship of Bass, Allied-Lyons, Whitbread and Pepsi with Britvic did indeed make it very difficult for other carbonated drinks manufacturers to supply the outlets owned by these companies". Britvic welcomed the MMC's broad conclusions but said it did not accept "every aspect" of its analysis.

The MMC called for CC-SB to provide an undertaking to abandon exclusive supply agreements and requirements for outlets to stock particular product ranges; said CC-SB should not buy any more drinks dispense businesses without prior clearance from the Office of Fair Trading; and called for undertakings from CC-SB, Britvic and Coca-Cola Bottlers (Ulster) not to enter into supply agreements that prevent outlets stocking other manufacturers' brands, or having dispense or vending machines with rivals' products.

Mr Lilley accepted the MMC recommendation that further drinks dispense acquisitions by CC-SB should require OFT approval. He asked the OFT to watch exclusive arrangements by both main retailers with retailers in the take-home trade. He would seek the views of interested parties, including customers, on the MMC's conclusions and recommendation. He would discuss the implications of action he might take with the European Commission.

Lilley: could act

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

O&Y completes sale and leaseback deal

OLYMPIA & York, the Canadian property group, has completed a sale and leaseback financing deal for one of the smaller buildings at Canary Wharf, its £3 billion office development in London's Docklands.

The sale, worth between £50 million and £100 million, ensures that the buyer gains the benefit of the enterprise zone capital tax allowances on the building while O&Y, which will pay the buyer rent, retains control of the office space. The buyer, which would need to have substantial British profits to benefit from the deal, is believed to be a British bank. The sale and leaseback is not related to last week's transaction involving Credit Suisse First Boston.

Johnson falls 15% to £8.2m

WEAK economies on both sides of the Atlantic, higher interest charges and lower property profits contributed to a 15 per cent decline in interim pre-tax profits to £8.2 million at Johnson Group Cleaners, the Bootle dry cleaner. The interim dividend has been held at 7p because of uncertainty over the expected upturn.

Flogas up to Ir£6.7m

FLOGAS, the Irish supplier of liquid petroleum gas, lifted pre-tax profits to Ir£6.74 million (£6.1 million) from Ir£4.19 million in the year to end-May, on turnover of Ir£50.5 million (Ir£34.9 million). Earnings are Ir23.78p (Ir17.01p), and the final dividend is Ir4.74p (Ir4.121p), for an improved total of Ir7.41p (Ir6.661p).

Molynx ahead 36.5%

IN spite of difficult trading conditions, Molynx Holdings, the closed circuit television and environmental control group, unveiled a healthy 36.5 per cent advance in first-half profits, thanks to a combination of organic growth and acquisitions.

Pre-tax profits rose to £1.1 million (£808,000) in the six months to end-June. Turnover, boosted by acquisitions, expanded by 56.7 per cent to £10.5 million. The interim dividend is raised to 1.3p (1.25p). Earnings per share climb to 6.8p (6.7p). The shares firmed 1p to 119p.

Rise at T&N subsidiary

T&N Holdings, the South African subsidiary of T&N, the engineer, more than doubled pre-tax profits from R3.4 million to R7.1 million (£1.46 million) in the first half of this year. The rise came largely from productivity improvements and cost reductions. The interim dividend is boosted from 3.8 to 7.5 cents.

Usher buys Surface

USHER-WALKER, the printing inks and roller manufacturer, is buying The Surface Flatness Company, which provides specialist services to the engineering market, for £1.14 million in cash and shares. Surface, which will join Usher's roller division, made adjusted pre-tax profits of £256,000 in the year to end-May.

EMC makes £158,000

EMC Group, the media services concern that has undergone substantial restructuring since it was known as the Electronic Machine Company, disclosed pre-tax profits of £158,000 for the 18-month period to end-March, compared with £51,000 in the 12 months to end-September 1989.

Earnings per share on continuing businesses advanced to 4.72p (2.49p). The dividend is increased to 1p (0.7p), making a total of 1.6p (1p) for the period.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyons (*590)	500	100	107	120	1½	4	8
	550	58	69	83	6½	13	21
	600	26	40	53	24	35	42
ASDA (*88)	90	6	9	11	6	8	9
	100	2½	4	7	14	14	16
	110	1	2½	–	23	23	–
Bass (*929)	880	80	–	–	9	–	–
	929	46	–	–	23	–	–
	977	22	–	–	50	–	–
Boots (*423)	360	70	73	–	1½	4	–
	390	41	48	60	4	9	12
	420	20	29	41	13	20	23
Br Airways (*176)	140	40	43	–	1	2	–
	160	24	27	32	3	7	9
	180	10	15	21	11	16	19
BP (*331)	330	14	22	26	8½	15	17
	360	4½	9	13	31	32	33
	390	1½	3½	–	60	60	–
Br Steel (*126)	110	19	20	22	1	2	3
	120	10½	13	16	2½	5	6
	130	4½	7½	11	7	11	12
C & W (*589)	500	97	109	–	2	5	–
	550	54	70	87	9	15	20
	600	23	42	58	29	36	41
CU (*528)	460	82	96	–	1½	4	–
	500	47	64	72	6	12	17
	550	17	34	43	27	32	38
Courtauld (*461)	390	80	87	97	2	4½	6½
	420	54	63	75	5	10	13½
	460	23	39	50	17	24	29
GKN (*364)	330	43	54	60	4	7½	14
	360	21	34	40	13	18	26
	390	9½	20	26	33	36	42
Grand Met. (*817)	750	95	112	123	5½	13	20
	800	51	75	92	16	28	34
	850	24	47	63	39	50	58
ICI (*1331)	1300	82	127	147	33	49	67
	1350	54	97	115	57	72	87
	1400	33	74	92	87	95	112
Kingfisher (*575)	460	116	127	–	1	3½	–
	500	79	94	107	3	7½	11
	550	40	58	73	14	21	25
Ladbroke (*278)	240	44	46	52	3	5½	8½
	260	26	31	38	7	11	15
	280	13	21	28	16	20	24
Land Sec (*517)	460	65	70	80	1	5½	7½
	500	32	40	50	8	16	19
	550	6½	17	25	37	45	47
M & S (*288)	260	34	40	48	2½	5	6
	280	18	25½	34	7	11	12
	300	8	14½	23	17	20	22
Sainsbury (*363)	326	43	50	–	2	4	–
	356	20	29	–	9	13	–
	386	7½	14	–	29	30	–
Shell (*529)	460	75	80	85	1½	4	7
	500	40	50	55	9	12	19
	550	9	21	28	35	37	43
Smkl Beech (*787)	750	47	86	104	10	18	25
	800	34	56	76	29	48	43
	850	15	35	52	62	70	73
Storehouse (*111)	100	16	18	20	2	4	6
	110	9	12	14	5	8	10
	120	4	7	9	11½	14½	16
Trafalgar (*238)	211	35	40	–	4	9	–
	231	19	27	–	10	18	–
	251	9	17	–	21	31	–
Ultramar (*263)	260	15	23	26	12	14	18
	280	7	14	17	26	28	32
	300	3	7½	–	45	45	–
Unilever (*751)	650	118	–	–	2	–	–
	700	72	88	–	5	12	–
	750	36	54	68	19	29	37
	800	13	29	43	50	60	65
Utd Bisc (*395)	360	43	50	57	4	7½	11
	390	19	29	37	13	17	22
	420	6½	16	21	32	35	39
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*437)	390	48	59	66	1	4	8
	420	20	37	45	2	11	17
	460	2½	15	25	26	30	36
BAT Ind (*747)	600	147	149	–	1	2	–
	650	97	99	118	1	4	8½
	700	47	59	80	1	14	21
	750	7	30	32	15	35	43
BTR (*416)	390	25	34	46	1½	9½	13
	420	4½	17	28	11	23	28
	460	1	4½	14	48	55	56
Br Aero (*576)	550	29	43	61	2½	17	24
	600	3½	18	35	29	44	50
	650	½	6½	18	77	85	88
Br Telecm (*365)	330	37	65	69	1	2	3
	360	27	40	45	1½	6	9½
	390	5½	18	26½	9	16	21
Cadbury (*389)	360	33	43	53	1	6½	9
	390	10	24	34	7	17	20
	420	1½	12	–	31	36	–
Guinness (*995)	900	100	115	141	1	7½	13
	950	50	76	105	1½	17	27
	1000	14	44	75	16	37	47
GEC (*192)	180	13	19½	23	1	3½	6
	200	2	8	12	9½	13	15
	220	½	2½	5	29	29	30
Hanson (*218)	200	19	25	27½	1	3	6½
	220	2½	11½	14	4½	9½	16
	240	½	4	6½	24	24	30½
LASMO (*323)	300	25	38	48	1	7	11
	330	4	20½	31	10	20	24
	360	1½	9	20½	40	42	43
P & O (*588)	500	90	95	102	1	5	8
	550	44	54	68	5	15	21
	600	6½	24	40	20	40	45
Pilkington (*162)	140	22	29	33	1	3½	6
	160	5	13	20	3½	10	15
	180	1	6	11½	20	23	26
Prudential (*258)	220	40	42	48	1	2½	3½
	240	20	25	33	1½	5½	7½
	260	4½	13	21	6½	19	17½
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal (*222)	200	23	32	38	1	5	7
	220	5½	18	26	5	12	15
	240	1½	9	16	20	25	27
RTZ (*596)	550	45	55	74	1½	11	16
	600	6	24	44	17	33	38
	650	1	8½	24	64	70	74
Scot New (*422)	360	67	75	80	1	2	4
	390	37	50	55	1½	7	11
	420	10	27	35	7	18	22
Tesco (*272)	253	21	–	–	1½	–	–
	280	2	10½	20	10	17	19
	300	½	4	10½	30	30	32
Thames W. (*374)	350	27	38	47	1½	4½	8
	370	8	24	32	4	11	15
	400	1½	9	16	28	30	33
Lucas (*160)	130	32	35	32	1	3	4½
	140	22	25	24	1½	4½	6½
	160	4	11	12½	7½	12	17
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons (*489)	460	42	57	66	8	14	18
	500	20	34	44	24	31	34
	550	4	16	24	62	64	67
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat. (*213)	200	36	45	51	1½	3	6
	220	19	29	36	4	8	11
	240	7½	17	24	13	17	20
Amstrad (*55)	45	10	12	13½	1½	3	4½
	50	6	8½	10½	2½	5	6½
	60	2	4½	6½	8½	11	12
Barclays (*470)	420	52	67	78	2½	5½	11
	460	21	39	52	11	17	25
	500	5	19	31	37	41	46
Blue Circ. (*258)	240	20	27	34	5	9	12
	260	7½	17	25	12	19	22
	280	2½	8	15	30	32	34
Br Gas (*264)	220	49	55	56	1	1	2½
	240	29	36	40	1	2½	4
	260	14	20½	25	4	7	9½
	280	4	10	15	15	17	18
Dixons (*249)	220	34	42	47	1½	4½	8
	240	18	28	35	6	12	15
	260	7	17	24	16	21	25
Eurotunnel (*462)	420	53	70	85	7	15	22
	460	24	48	60	22	30	40
	500	10	27	42	43	55	63
Forte (*281)	240	44	46	52	1½	3	4
	260	26	31	38	3	7	9
	280	10½	17	26	8	14	17
Glaxo (*1339)	1250	101	135	169	15	34	48
	1300	63	103	137	33	52	67
	1350	34	76	109	61	78	90
Hawker (*584)	500	90	97	110	2	6½	9
	550	47	60	75	7	18	23
	600	16	32	45	27	37	44
Hillsdown (*233)	200	38	42	47	1	2½	4
	220	19	26	33	3½	7	10
	240	7½	14	21	12	16	19
	260	2	7	–	28	30	–
Lonrho (*247)	240	14	23	27	5½	9½	17
	260	4½	13	17	18	21	28
	280	1½	6½	9½	37	37	43
Midland (*247)	180	67	73	78	1	1½	2½
	200	48	55	62	1	3½	6½
	220	31	39	47	2½	8	11
	240	16	27	35	9	15	20
Reuter (*852)	700	162	183	200	2½	6½	13
	750	115	140	160	4	14	24
	800	70	103	125	12	27	42
	850	36	71	95	31	48	63
R-Royce (*156)	140	19	22	25	2	3½	5
	160	6	10	14	10	12	15
	180	1½	4½	–	26	27	–
Sears (*84)	70	16	16½	19	1	2	2½
	80	7	9	12	2	3½	5
	90	2	4	7	7½	9	10½
Thorn EMI (*800)	650	156	172	178	1½	3	5½
	700	106	127	136	2	7	10½
	750	61	87	99	6	17	23
	800	26	50	60	23	33	41
TSB (*155)	130	27	31	33	1	1½	2½
	140	17½	23	25	2	3	4½
	160	4	9½	12	8½	10½	15
Vaal Reefs (*$68)	60	10	14	15	2½	5	5½
	70	4½	8½	10½	7	9½	12
Wellcome (*735)	650	90	105	122	5	14	19
	700	50	68	92	15	28	35
	750	21	42	64	35	52	60
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastn Elec (*179)	160	20	26	29	1	4	6½
	180	4	13	17	4½	10	14
	200	1	6	8½	23	24	27
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*149)	130	21	24	27	2	3	4
	140	12	17	19½	2½	5½	7
	160	2½	6	10	13	14	16
Scot Power (*105)	100	9	12½	–	2	3½	–
	110	3	6	–	7½	8	–
	120	1½	3½	–	16	16½	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2627)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	180	130	84	36	12	2
Sep	204	158	111	73	45	23
Oct	212	170	131	96	67	45
Nov	232	191	152	118	90	65
Dec	–	218	–	148	–	85
Puts						
Aug	1	3	5	15	40	85
Sep	7	11	19	33	55	89
Oct	17	25	35	50	72	102
Nov	25	32	43	62	85	113
Dec	–	42	–	70	–	125

August 15, 1991 Total: 28705 Calls 19020 Puts 9685 FT-SE: Calls 2632 Puts 1151
*Underlying security price.

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Bundesbank splits the difference

COMMENT

Sometimes it is better to satisfy no one. Helmut Schlesinger, hoping to make a mark at the start of his relatively short Bundesbank presidency, will be hoping this is one of those occasions. The money markets and some German indistrialists had been expecting a clear rise of at least half a point in the lombard rate to knock German pay inflation on the head, along with the expected full-point rise in the backstop discount rate. Politicians and many commercial bankers wanted no rise, lest the natural slowdown in German growth be turned into a rout, delaying recovery in the East.

Did the Bundesbank council simply compromise and split the difference or has Professor Schlesinger been fiendishly clever and subtle, leaving himself the option of further tightening later on? Over the past generation, the lombard rate has reached 9½ per cent only twice, the last time in response to the 1979 jump in oil prices. On both occasions, the peak rate of 9½ per cent has lasted only briefly.

A quarter of a point is neither here nor there in practical terms but in the theological reasoning of the market, the Bundesbank would have seemed to have shot its bolt if the lombard rate had gone to 9½ per cent, leaving the mark prey to any further resurgence in the dollar on the foreign exchanges.

Real interest rates are, in any case, already much higher than at previous peaks in German interest rates, suggesting that, as in Japan, the internationalisation of mark and yen markets has led to interest rates levelling up and to growth and employment levelling down with the rest of the world. Since the Bundesbank has quickly taken much of the rest of Europe with it, this leaves only America with relatively low rates at a time when many economies, not least France and Britain, are in recession.

The scope for cutting Britain's short-term rates had already come near to an end and the Bundesbank move does nothing to change that. The interest rate differential between sterling and the mark has tumbled from 6 to 1.75 points since the pound's entry into the European exchange-rate merchanism last October. Given that sterling is still in the ERM's wide band, and that electoral uncertainty is looming, it would be unreasonable to expect the currency markets to absorb much further narrowing. In the new monetary world, it matters nothing that underlying British inflation rates are no higher than Germany's and are are likely to fall under 3 per cent while German inflation is still rising.

The Bank of England may still have one or even two more cuts in base rates up its sleeve. They could not amount to more than three quarters of a point in total, however, without taking risks that would not be worth the candle.

If sterling were established in the narrow band of the ERM, more might be possible. That will increase the incentive for Norman Lamont to push for a first anniversary move into the narrow band at a moment when signs of the recession ending will still be patchy at best and he will desperately need to be able to claim some measure of success.

Unfair shares

Censure by the Stock Exchange of Mountleigh directors Nelson Peltz and Peter May is merely the latest in a long line of unfortunate happenings at the company. But it underlines once again a gap in the arsenal of sanctions the exchange can apply to those judged to be in breach of its rules. Public criticism of two leading directors, both extremely wealthy from other sources and whose business interests in the US seem to be taking more of their attention, hardly rates as Draconian. Yet almost the only alternative means of disapproval open to the exchange would be to suspend dealings, thus punishing the rest of Mountleigh's shareholders for the actions of its directors.

Messrs Peltz and May may be regretting their decision to invest in Mountleigh some of the $850 million or so they made from junk bond financed dealings in the US. They bought a substantial shareholding from Mountleigh's former leading light, Tony Clegg, not much in advance of the worst property slump seen in Britain since the mid-Seventies. The deal, at some way above the then market prices, did not exactly please shareholders at the time, who might have hoped to deal on similar terms to Mr Clegg.

On the matters subject to censure, though there was no intention to mislead according to the Stock Exchange, shareholders could be forgiven for feeling aggrieved when a sale of shares by companies controlled by Messrs Peltz and May at above market prices was followed not long afterwards by the revelation that the company needed a rights issue to bolster its finances.

Though they took legal advice, and sought and gained approval from Mountleigh's chief executive, Clive Strowger, that the deals were in order, the Stock Exchange takes the view that they dealt in a close period and were in possession of price-sensitive information at the time.

The censures, which include criticism of Mr Strowger for failing to consult the Stock Exchange before consenting to the sales, will not enhance Mountleigh's City support. More to the point, the group's non-executive directors may feel that they have been placed in an uncomfortable position by the finding of the exchange.

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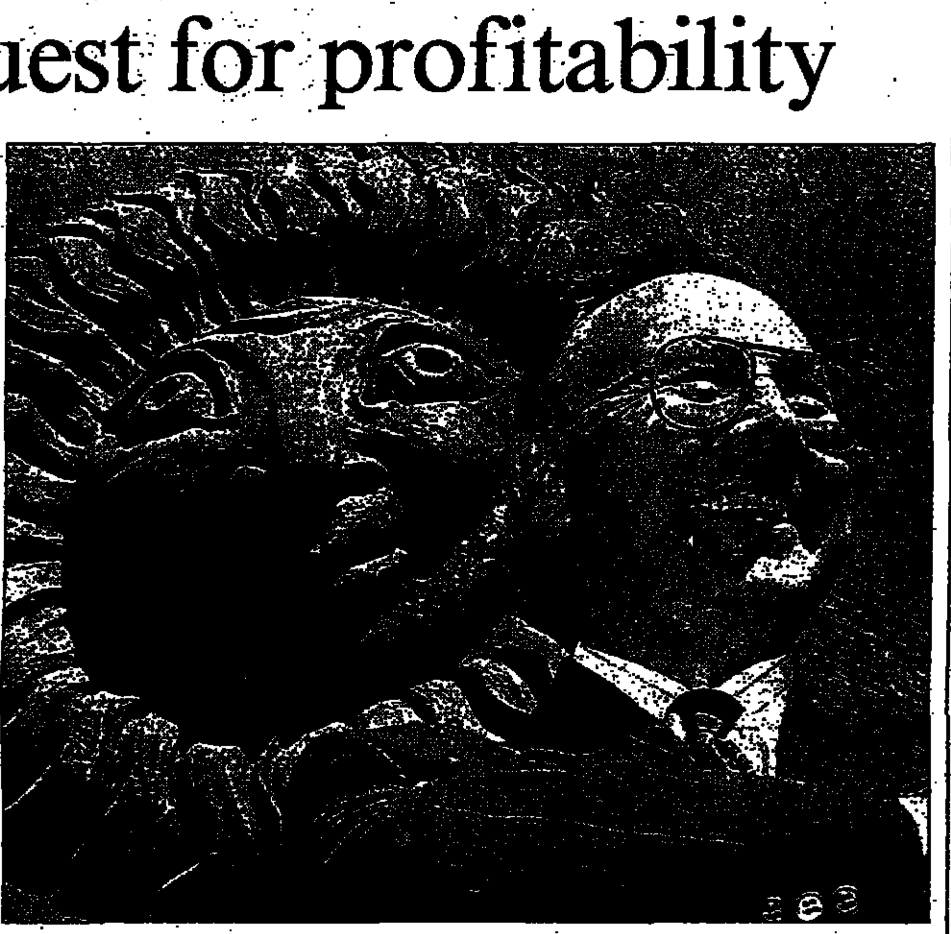
Royal sacrifices market share in quest for profitability



Brave face on a torrid half year: Gareth Davies, Glynwed chief executive

ROYAL Insurance is taking bitter medicine. The group knows it has to drag itself back to profitability to survive. To accomplish this, it is sacrificing its hard-won market position in Britain and America.

The effects of Royal's decision to push through sharp increases in its premiums is clear in its interim figures. General premium income fell 12 per cent to £1.73 billion.

Two-thirds of this fall was the result of exchange rate movements, disposals and reinsurance costs. The rest, however, was loss of business.

Royal is finally selling policies at prices that offer a reasonable chance of making a profit. Its customers are turning to rivals for more competitive quotes. In the British motor fleet market, Royal has increased premiums by an average of 19 per cent, but its premium income has fallen by a tenth. Last year it was the market leader, a position it is unlikely to retain.

The effects of these cutbacks are beginning to show. Pre-tax losses in the half-year were £97 million, £32 million worse than the deficit last time, but there were marked improvements in all the group's regions except Britain.

It will be some time before Royal benefits fully from its actions. By then the group's position in the insurance market may be permanently damaged. Losses could be at least £155 million this year and could be £30 million in 1992. Shareholders have little hope of seeing a dividend increase until 1993. Until then the shares, at 419p, stand on a 8.3 per cent yield. Attractive, if an investor is prepared to wait.

Glynwed

GLYNWED International now pays more to the banks in interest than it does in dividends to shareholders, and more to shareholders in dividends than it pays to the taxman.

But then it has been a torrid six months to end-June, with pre-tax profits down from £40.4 million to £10.4 million, net interest paid up at £9.6 million (£8.4 million), and net earnings down from 13.14p a share previously to 3.65p a share, out of which a maintained dividend of 4.15p, costing £8.5 million, is declared.

If Glynwed's theory on the cycles of recession holds water, then perhaps conditions in certain business sectors, and in various market areas, will soon be getting better.

But there seems little on the short-term horizon to save the 1991 year-end results from a sharp fall from 1990's £70.3 million outcome, and profits of £33 million could be this year's result.

The scent of a business recovery, Glynwed's determination to cut costs and rethink its strategy, an expected £16 million full-year savings benefit from cutting out 1,052 jobs, and City relief at the maintained interim dividend, saw the shares jump from 225p to 254p yesterday.

Meanwhile, gearing at 46.8 per cent is modestly lower than a year ago, and although the level may rise to between 50 per cent and 55 per cent by the end of December, Glynwed, where Gareth Davies is chief executive, has debunked any thoughts of a rights issue.

On 1991 profit expectations of £33 million, the prospective price/earnings ratio is 23.5, which eases to 14.3 on hopes that 1992 profits will move ahead to £55 million. The shares are only saved from the "well priced" tag by the 6.1 per cent yield — and that is based on the assumption of a held final dividend.

SD-Scicon

WHAT a difference a bid makes. In March, SD-Scicon posted annual losses of nearly £20 million before tax. Questions were asked about its ability to see out the current recession without going belly up.

Yet less than six months later EDS, a unit of General Motors with deep pockets, cannot be sure of bagging Scicon with a 60p-a-share cash offer that values the company at more than £162 million, even though it already speaks for about 36 per cent of the shares.

Phillips & Drew Fund Management has said it will not accept the offer in respect of its 8 per cent, joining the Prudential and National Provident to lift Scicon's declared support to 28 per cent. The outcome hinges on a 15 per cent stake held by Morgan Grenfell Asset Management.

A multiple of 15 times forecast earnings has generally been deemed to be miserly in a sector more accustomed to loftier ratings.

About 25 per cent of EDS's holding was acquired from British Aerospace. Other investors have proved remarkably difficult to shift, despite widespread contempt for the company's pre-bid efforts.

Much of the credit for the remarkable about-turn should be attributed to John Jackson, the newly recruited non-executive chairman.

Mr Jackson has forecast record full-year profits of £14 million, which he contends will include little benefit from changes he has implemented, and no writeback from last year's provisions of almost £25 million against losses on fixed-price contracts. That, and the prospect of a hostile shareholder on the register, should underpin Scicon shares in the short term. Investors who have not showed their hand should stay with Scicon.

Salomon shares fall after bond violations

SALOMON Brothers, Wall Street's most powerful investment bank in the $2,200 billion American government treasuries market, is facing the worst difficulties in its 80-year history.

Yesterday its shares fell $4⅛ to $27⅝, wiping more than $500 million off the market value. The worry is not over financial collapse, but something more prized in the banking world, where trust and propriety are the key to gaining business.

Salomon's reputation is on the line. The $3.2 billion broker, known for its prowess and risk-taking courage, has admitted violations of the rules governing trading in Treasury bonds — the American equivalent of the gilt market — in four auctions dating back to last year.

Salomon has told government investigators that, as part of its rule violation, one managing director, who was not named, made an unauthorised $1 billion bid for bonds in the name of a customer, merely to play a practical joke on a colleague.

The bank, one of the three largest participants in the government bond market, is said to have cornered up to 85 per cent of one auction of Treasury paper, breaching the 35 per cent limit allowed to any one purchaser. Salomon says the most it ever owned of an auction was 44 per cent.

Legal action is coming from other traders in the market, who claim Salomon's powerful position and activities lost them money. Salomon employees face possible criminal fines and sanctions and the bank could in theory run the risk of losing its licence as a broker dealer or primary dealer for Treasury securities, a position it has held since 1917.

Also at risk is the job of John Gutfreund, aged 61, Salomon Brothers' $2.3-million-a-year chairman and chief executive. But traders doubt that Gutfreund, responsible for much of its explosive growth in the bids and deals market of the late Seventies and Eighties, will go.

Salomon has already suspended four key trading executives. The group says it is setting up a committee of independent board members to review matters.

PHILIP ROBINSON
New York

A colourful character with designs on Harvey Nichols

DICKSON Concepts, the fashion and jewellery group that has bought Harvey Nichols from the Burton Group, is the brainchild of Dickson Poon, the chairman, and one of the richest and most glamorous prodigal sons in Hong Kong.

At the age of 35, Mr Poon commands a vast, expanding luxury goods empire that boasts 54 marketing subsidiaries in Asia and Europe and 96 retail outlets worldwide.

His success was largely due to his eye for market niches. He acquired a number of exclusive dealerships for designer labels such as Charles Jourdan, Polo Ralph Lauren, Hermès and ST Dupont, and made them very popular in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand.

Mr Poon leads a colourful life, and can often be seen arriving at the colony's society weddings and cocktail parties in one of his fleet of eight prestigious cars.

The only son of Poon Kam Kai, a prominent businessman, Mr Poon started as a sales assistant in his father's Artland Watch Shop.

He studied at the Occidental university in Los Angeles, majoring in philosophy and economics before going into apprenticeship at Chopard in Switzerland, where he made his first watch.

When he returned to Hong Kong in 1980, he opened his first Dickson Watch and Jewellery Shop in Hong Kong's Landmark building, with a loan of HK$5 million (£380,000) from his family.

By the end of the year, there were six Dickson boutiques in Hong Kong, three in Singapore and one in Taiwan.

The group went public in 1986 under the name Dickson Concepts. In 1987, a month after the global stock market crash, Mr Poon paid HK$446 million for his largest acquisition so far, the entire operation of ST Dupont, the French purveyor of lighters, pens, key rings and gifts.

Since then, Mr Poon has expanded his business by diversifying overseas. In 1987, the group's earnings were wholly derived from its Hong Kong operations. By last year, 70 per cent of earnings came from abroad.

Hit by the Gulf war and a retail downturn in Hong Kong, the group reported a disappointing year to end-March, with net profits down 30 per cent to HK$222.6 million on a turnover of HK$2.17 billion. Earnings per share fell to 53.6 cents from 76.7 cents. Hong Kong Optical (Innovisions), Dickson's listed subsidiary, also struggled, incurring net losses of nearly HK$10 million.

Mr Poon said a rationalisation programme had been introduced to improve productivity, and promised new product ranges.

He said of the Harvey Nichols deal: "It has always been the group's strategy to establish strongholds in all the major markets. There is no question that London is an important market and a leading financial centre. We are confident we will be able to enhance the image and prestige of Harvey Nichols."

Mr Poon said he was optimistic about Hong Kong's future despite China's takeover in six years. "I'll still be here in 1997, and beyond."

He believes Hong Kong will retain its position as an important financial centre for international investors. "China has made all kinds of promises to guarantee that, and I don't see what they have to gain by breaking promises."

The purchase of a London flagship such as Harvey Nichols represents Mr Poon's first acquisition of a department store. His existing shops are small designer boutiques of the kind that would be familiar to shoppers in London's Bond or South Molton Streets, often specialising in one exclusive brand of merchandise.

LULU YU
Hong Kong

> 'It has always been the group's strategy to establish strongholds in major markets'

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

M&S puts on The Ritz

HAVING to fend for himself midweek in London these days, while his wife, Marlene, convalesces at their country home after an operation, Sir Eric Parker, the chief executive of Trafalgar House, has become well acquainted with the Indian and Chinese takeaway restaurants along the Fulham Road. Appreciative of an opportunity to give his abused palate a welcome break, he treated himself to lunch at The Ritz Hotel, owned by Trafalgar. Turning a temporary blind eye to an instruction from his doctor to lose 7lb, Parker succumbed to temptation and ordered a plate of seasonal soft fruit for dessert. As he examined the fruit on offer, a helpful waiter explained that the large purple berry Parker had failed to recognise was a tayberry. "Well, that's what it said on the Marks and Spencer packet," he added. Parker roared with laughter — much to the waiter's relief — before saying: "I get given enough Marks and Spencer food at home, I didn't expect to be served it at The Ritz as well."

Hold your horses

LINKS between the world of horse racing and the City have long been strong and harmonious, but dealers on Salomon Brothers' trading floor in London's Victoria are being careful to avoid any reference to the creatures. Their boss, Ian "Rocket" Stephenson, head of UK equities, has a badly bruised back and shoulder, caused by a fall from a horse in Spain, this week. Jeremy Alun-Jones, son of former Ferranti chief executive Sir Derek Alun-Jones, has had to have seven stitches on his face after a polo accident, and now utilities analyst Michael Sayers has added to the sorry saga — his wife Amanda was thrown from her horse and has broken both legs.

Party line

GLYNWED, the Birmingham engineering group, is anxious to cut costs after announcing that interim pre-tax profits had fallen 74 per cent. But David Milne, the company's finance director, looked more than a little pained when asked if that cost-cutting would threaten its annual donation to the Conservative party. Glynwed's contribution last year was £36,000. "Since the donation is the equivalent of one person's annual salary, I do not think for one moment that it will be under threat," said Milne. His sentiment will no doubt be shared by at least one of his directors . . . the cabinet minister-turned-backbencher John Biffen.

Bond, CIA and SPI

IAN Bond, deputy chairman of Cork Gully and one of Britain's top insolvency experts, leads a cloak-and-dagger lifestyle of which his fictional namesake would be proud. Bond is in Calgary, Canada, this weekend to meet members of the CIA — that is, the Canadian Insolvency Association. He will be telling them about SPI — pronounced "spy" and an acronym for the Society of Practitioners in Insolvency. In keeping with the theme, he regularly reads *Private Eye* and keeps a model Aston Martin sports car on his shelf, courtesy of Mettoy, the company that made Corgi cars before it went under in the Eighties.

Time stands still

IN SPITE of being £23 million richer from the sale of shares in his Spring Ram kitchen and bathroom group in June, Bill Rooney, the chairman, has found that money is not always enough. Sources in Barbados say that he has been spending a small fortune on Alan Bay House, his palatial mansion there, which he bought two years ago from Peter Moores, the former Littlewoods chairman. Rooney, known to be a stickler for punctuality, has found the slow pace of island life somewhat irksome. In a recent showdown with his builder he was heard to demand: "I must have a deadline," to which the builder replied: "I can't tell you when it will be finished, man, but we can tell you it will be completed."

CAROL LEONARD

STOCK MARKET

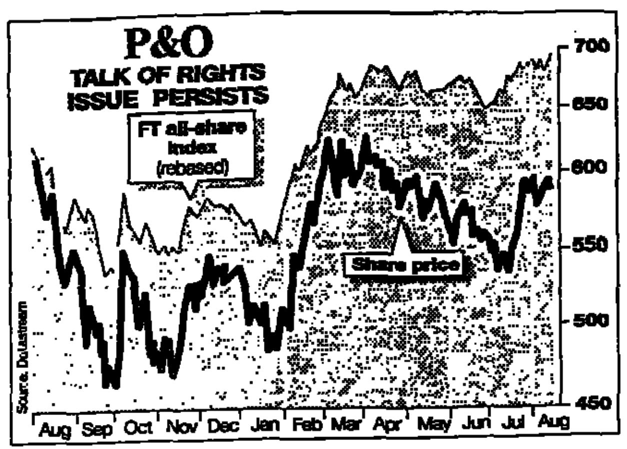
Shares ignore rise in German rates to reach another record

SHARE prices took the rise in German interest rates in their stride and marched to another closing high. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 13 points at one stage, closed 8.4 points higher at a peak of 2,617.2, with a total of 522 million shares traded. The FT index of 30 shares rose 9.3 to 2,042.6.

A steady performance by the pound, despite the move by the Germans, convinced investors that the economy is on the mend. Words of caution from the Bank of England were ignored. But there are signs that this week's record-breaking run is coming to an end and the market could find *profit-taking appearing before* today's Retail Price Index. Government securities spent a nervous day, finishing with losses of £⅜ at the longer end.

Burton was unchanged at 40½p after the sale of Harvey Nichols for £60 million, while Glynwed shrugged off a fall in profits with a rise of 26p to 251p after impressing City analysts.

P&O touched 480p on revived talk of a rights issue. This was in spite of the denials by Lord Sterling, the chairman, that the group had no intention of asking shareholders for more funds. The group, *with interests stretching from* shipping to property and construction, has felt the full effects of the recession. This is expected to be reflected in the full-year figures due in the autumn.



The shares rallied, to finish only 7p cheaper at 588p, amid reports that P&O's Bovis construction division will soon be awarded the £1 billion contract to build Terminal Five at Heathrow. But experts on the property industry believe that the story is a little premature. Planning permission has not yet been received and it could be another four years before construction begins.

There was a sigh of relief that the enquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the soft drinks sector had not been as far reaching as it could have been. The findings are expected to open up competition in sales to fast food outlets, clubs and hotels, which, dealers say, could be good news for **Cadbury Schweppes**, 8p better *at 389p*. Cadbury holds the bottling franchise for Coca-Cola. But it could mean increased competition for companies like Britvic, owned by **Allied-Lyons**, which was 1p firmer at 590p.

The rise in German interest rates squashed worries that its economy was heading towards a recession. British construction companies with interests there were marked higher. **Redland**, which earns a large proportion of its profits in Germany, advanced 7p to 574p, but **RMC** was steady at 664p.

Hopes that another cut in domestic interest rates may now be on the cards brought support for the rest of the building sector. There were gains for **Amec**, 6p to 203p, **Beazer**, 2½p to 89½p, **Costain**, 2p to 138p, **John Laing**, 4p to 261p, ***Alfred McAlpine**, 3p to* 250p, **John Mowlem**, 3p to 243p, **Taylor Woodrow**, 5p to 232p, and **Wilson Bowden**, 3p to 409p.

Hoare Govett, the broker, went out on a limb, recommending **Ultramar**, down 11p at 263p, just 24 hours after the group reported a halfyear loss of £21.6 million, compared with a profit of £37.2 million. But other brokers were downgrading their full-year profit forecasts. Nomura, the Japanese securities house, has cut its forecast from £58 million to £46 million, against a £124 million profit last year.

Royal Insurance continued the interim dividend season for the composites with a gloomy set of figures showing losses of £97 million. But, with the dividend maintained and the general belief that the industry has reached the bottom of the cycle, the Royal price rose 7p to 419p. **General Accident**, 1p firmer at 554p, produced similar losses earlier *this* week.

Commercial Union fell 4p to 528p, while **Guardian Royal Exchange** added 3p to 185p, and **Sun Alliance** 4p to 388p. The high level of claims because of storm damage has left the sector in the doldrums. Some brokers are now urging their clients to switch to the life sector, where there is still dividend growth. Share shortages left **Legal & General** 13p better at 459p, **Britannic** 3p up *at 870p, **Irish Life** 2p dearer at* 160p, **London & Manchester** 5p stronger at 345p and **United Friendly** B 9p ahead at 384p.

Meggitt, the specialist engineer that made an abortive bid for United Scientific two years ago, finished unchanged at 94p. There is talk the group may soon be ready to hit the acquisition trail again. It is believed to have given **Rotork** a close look.

There has been a big buyer pursuing the shares recently. They closed unchanged last night at 251p.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

	Aug 15 midday	Aug 14 close		Aug 15 midday	Aug 14 close		Aug 15 midday	Aug 14 close
Abbott Lab	54%	54	Enron	62%	62	Oryx Engy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	37%	37%	Ensergy	24%	24%	Pac Ent	26%	26%
Ahmanson	20%	20%	Ethyl	23%	23%	Pac Gas Elec	27%	27%
Air Prods	65%	66%	Exxon	57%	57%	Pac Telesis	42%	42%
Albertsons	41%	41	Fed NMA	61	60%	Paccar	45	45
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Exprs	39%	40	Pacificorp	21%	21%
Alco Stand	32%	32%	Flt Norstar	25%	25%	Pall	37%	37%
Allied Signal	37%	37%	Fluor	43	43%	Paramount	38%	38%
Alumin CA	67%	67%	FMC	48%	48%	Parker-Hanfn	26%	26
Am Brands	43%	44%	Ford Motor	31%	31%	Penney	51%	52%
Am Cyanmd	64%	63%	FPL	33%	33	Pennzoil	73%	74
Am EPC	29%	29%	Fst Chicago	28%	28%	Pepsico	32%	32%
Am General	39%	39%	Fst Intrsta	35%	35	Pfizer	65%	65%
Am Home	63%	63	Fst Union	25%	25%	Phlps Pet	25%	25%
Am Intl	83%	82%	Gannett	45%	46%	Phila Elec	20%	20%
Am Stores	41	40%	GAP	42%	43	Phlp Morris	73	72%
Amax	20%	20%	Gen Cinema	22	22%	Phlps Dodge	66%	66%
Amer Hess	58%	58%	Gen Elec	72%	73	Pitney Bow	60%	60
Ameritech	61%	61%	Gen Mills	63%	63%	Placer Dm	12%	12%
Amex	27	27%	Gen Motors	38%	38%	PNC Fncl	40%	41%
Amoco	51%	51%	Gen RE	87	86%	Pnhdle Estn	12%	12%
AMP	51%	51%	Gen Signal	42%	42%	Polaroid	25%	25%
AMR	60%	60%	Genuine Pts	41%	41%	PPG Inds	53%	53%
Anheuser-B	52%	52%	Georgia-Pac	55%	55%	Prctr Gmble	82%	82%
Apple Comp	54%	53%	Gillette	41%	41½	Price	60%	62%
Archer-Dan	29%	28%	Goodrich	43%	43%	Primerica	33%	33%
Arkla	16%	16%	Goodyear	36%	37%	Pub Service	28%	28%
Armco	4%	4%	Grace	37%	37%	Quaker Oats	59%	59%
Armstrong	32%	32%	Greyhound	35%	35%	Ralston Pur	50%	50%
Asarco	24%	24%	Gt Atlantic	38%	38%	Raychem	28%	28%
Ashland Oil	30%	30%	Gt Western	20%	20%	Raytheon	85%	85%
AT&T	39%	38%	GTE	29%	30	Reebok	31%	32
Atlan Richfld	116	115%	Hallbrtn	38%	38%	Roadway	50%	50%
Auto DP	33%	33%	Heinz	41%	40%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	23%	23%	Hercules	41%	41%	Rohm Haas	44	43%
Avon Prod	46%	46%	Hershey Fd	41%	41%	Royal Dutch	80%	80%
Baltimore	31%	30%	Hewlett Pkd	54	55	Rubbermaid	68	68
Banc One	45%	47%	Hilton Htl	38%	39%	Rynlds Mtl	59%	59%
Bankamerica	42%	43%	Home Depot	51%	52%	Safeco	38	38%
Bard	24%	25%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	27%	31%
Barnett Bk	34	35%	Honeywell	57%	58%	Sant Fe Pac	9%	9%
Bausch Lmb	44%	44%	Houston Ind	38%	38%	Sara Lee	43%	43%
Baxter Intl	35%	34%	Hsehld Intl	56%	58%	Schecorp	42%	43%
Bec Dickin	69%	68%	Humana	31%	32%	Schlumbgr	67%	67%
Bell Atlan	47%	47%	IBM	98%	98%	Schrg-Plgh	55	54%
Bellsouth	47%	47%	IFF	84%	83%	Scott Papr	39%	39%
Bkr Hughes	24%	24%	Illinois TW	59%	59%	Seagram	110%	110%
Black Decker	17	16%	Inco	34%	34%	Sears Rbk	41%	42%
Block	58%	58%	Ingsol-Rand	49%	50%	Secrty Pac	35%	35%
Bnkrs Tst NY	59	59%	Inland Steel	21%	21	Shrwn-Wlms	25%	24%
Boeing	47%	46%	Intel	50%	50%	Skyline	14	14%
Boise Casc	25%	25%	Intl Paper	67%	67%	Snap-on Tls	32%	32%
Borden	36%	37%	ITT	59%	59	Southern	27%	27%
Brist-Myer	88%	88	James River	22%	22%	St Paul	65	64%
Browng-Fer	28%	27	Johnsn Jhsn	91%	90%	Stanley Wk	39%	39%
Burl Nth	30%	30	K Mart	44%	43%	Stone Cntr	19%	19%
CAI	9%	9%	Kellogg	106%	106%	Sun Co	30%	30%
Campbell Sp	82%	81%	Kerr-McGee	41%	41%	Suntst Bk	33%	33%
Cap Cities	451%	453	Kimbly-Clrk	93%	92%	Super Valu	n/a	29%
Capital HC	46%	46%	Knight-Riddr	54%	54%	SW Bell	54	54
Carolina	47%	47%	Lilly	79%	79	Syntex	45%	45%
Caterpillar	47%	47%	Limited	26%	26%	Sysco	44%	44
CBS	164%	163%	Lin Brdcstg	71%	72%	Tandem	12%	12%
Central SW	48	47%	Lincln Nat	46%	46%	Tandy	26%	25%
Champion	28%	28%	Litton Ind	85%	85%	Tele-comm	13%	13%
Chase Man	21%	21%	Lockheed	44%	44%	Teledyne	19%	19%
Chem Bnkg	28%	29	Louis-Pac	43%	43%	Temple-In	45	45%
Chevron	69%	69%	Manu Hano	32%	32%	Tenneco	41	41
Chrysler	12%	12	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	62%	62
Chubb	67%	67%	Marsh Mclen	76	76	Texas Inst	32	32%
Cigna	43%	44	Martin Mar	57%	57%	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	15%	15	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	33	32%
Clbrne Liz	43%	43%	May Dept	56%	56%	Time Wrnr	86%	87%
Clorox	40%	40%	Maytag	15%	15%	Times Mirr	32%	31%
Cmwlth Edis	38%	38%	McDnl Doug	50%	50%	Timken	25%	25%
CNA Fincl	78%	79	McDonalds	32%	32%	Torchmark	48%	49%
Coastal	30%	30%	McGraw-Hill	55%	55%	Toys R Us	32%	32%
Coca-Cola	64%	65%	MCI Com	29%	29%	Transam	34	33%
Colgate-Pal	40	39%	Mead	33%	33%	Travelers	20%	20%
Columb Gas	17%	17	Medtronic	125%	126	Tribune	46%	45%
Compaq	35%	36%	Mellon Bk	34	34%	TRW	43%	43%
Conagra	46%	45%	Melville	47%	48%	Tyco Lab	40%	41%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	126%	126%	UAL	139%	138
Cons NG	38%	39	Merll Lynch	41%	42%	Un Camp	42%	42%
Cons Rail	69	69%	Minnesota	86%	86%	Un Carbide	21%	21%
Cooper Ind	53%	53	Mobil	66%	66%	Un Pacific	86%	86
Corning	66	67	Monsanto	73	72%	Unilever	80%	80%
CPC Intl	81	80	Moore	25%	25%	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	84%	84%	Morgan JP	53%	53%	Unocal	25%	24%
CSX	49%	49%	Motorola	66%	66	Upjohn	44%	44%
Dana	30%	30%	Nat Medical	47%	47%	US Life	41%	41%
Dayton-Hud	73%	72%	Nat Semi	5%	5%	US West	36%	36%
Deere	51%	51%	Nat Service	24%	24%	Ussir Gp	11%	11%
Delta Air	67%	67%	Navistar	3	3%	USF&G	6%	6%
Deluxe	46%	45%	NCNB	38	38	UST	47%	46%
Detroit Edi	29%	29%	NCR	109	109	USX Mar	28%	27%
Digital Eq	65%	64	NED Bncp	43%	43%	Utd Tech	46%	45%
Dillard	129%	126%	Newmnt Min	37%	37%	Utd Telcm	26%	26%
Disney	121%	122%	Niagr Mhwk	16	15%	VF	30%	30%
Dominion	51	51	Nike	46%	47%	Wal-Mart	50%	51%
Donnelley	46%	46%	NL Indstrs	16%	16%	Waste Mgmt	37%	37%
Dover	36%	36%	Nordstorm	50%	52	Wells Fargo	80%	77%
Dow Chem	53%	53%	Norflk Sthn	48%	49	Westg Elec	23%	23%
Dow Jones	25%	25%	Norwest	31%	31%	Weyerhsr	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	22%	21%	Nihn St Pwr	37	36%	Whirlpool	36	35%
Du Pont	48%	48	Nihn Telcm	39	38%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	30%	29%	NY Times	21%	21%	Winn-Dixie	35%	35%
Dun Bradst	44%	44%	Nynex	75%	74%	Woolworth	29%	29%
East Kodak	43%	43	Occid Petl	23%	23%	Wrigley	61%	61
Eaton	62%	62%	Ohio Ed	19%	19	Wrnr-Lamb	69%	69%
Emerson El	47%	47%	Oracle Sys	10%	10%	Xerox	56%	56%

Futures selling knocks Tokyo

Tokyo

SHARES declined, closing at the day's lows, on futures-related and options-related index-selling, offsetting Wednesday's technical gains. The Nikkei index dropped 374.62 points, or 1.6 per cent, to 23,018.68.

A fall in yen bond prices and fears of a rise in interest rates in Germany also dampened buying. The Bundesbank raised rates after the market here closed. Turnover was 220 million shares, compared with a revised 214 million on Wednesday.

☐ **New York** — Wall Street was firm in morning trading with blue chips fluctuating at about Wednesday's close. The Dow Jones industrial average was up by only 0.63 of a point to 3,006.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares showed relatively little initial response to the news that the Bundesbank was raising key interest rates in dealings after the market officially closed. The Dax index ended the official session 4.1 points higher at 1,654.29, its highest close since June 27.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices fell sharply over a broad front on heavy selling started by news that Malaysia was taking measures to curb its money supply. The Straits Times industrial index declined 16.4 points to 1,417.83.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed slightly lower in a flat day, marked only by mild profit-taking after a bullish land auction in the afternoon. The Hang Seng index fell 5.67 points to 4,073.34, with most sectors little changed apart from property, which gained 12.65 points.

☐ **Sydney** — The market closed higher after a negative gross domestic product figure revived hopes of a cut in interest rates as early as next week. The all-ordinaries index closed 4.9 points higher at 1,557.

(Reuter)

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3011.85 (+6.48)*
S&P Composite ...... 390.52 (+0.62)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 23018.68 (−374.62)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4073.34 (−5.67)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1120.59 (+2.41)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 92.1 (+0.1)
Sydney: AO .... 1557.0 (+4.9)
Frankfurt: DAX ...... 1654.29 (+4.10)
Brussels:
General .... Closed
Paris: CAC .... Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 548.4 (+1.1)
London:
FT.—A All-Share ...... 1252.61 (+5.66)
FT.— "500" .... 1387.28 (+5.56)
FT. Gold Mines .... 177.2 (same)
FT. Fixed interest .... 94.50 (−0.04)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.53 (−0.06)
Bargains 28314
SEAQ Volume 522.5m
USM (Datastream) .... 124.64 (+0.93)
*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	20
Capital Ventures	110 +1
Claremont Gmts (175p)	178 +2
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107 +1
Culver Hldgs (4p)	7½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	106
Etonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	246
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109
Gartmore Cap (100p)	109
Geared Inc (100p)	104
Greencore	233 +5
Greenwich Res	17
Headline Book (100p)	128
Lowndes Lambert (280p)	313 +5
Manchester Utd (385p)	287
Mirror Group (125p)	109 +½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	258
Simpson of Cornhl	51
Sterling Tst	46
Tollgate	92
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40
US Smaller	103
Unichem	164 +2

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alan Paul N/P	¼ −½
Explaura N/P	1⅜ +1⅛
Howden N/P	9½ +1
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Navan Res N/P	1¼
Wheway N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 5	August 16	November 7	November 18

Call options were taken out on: 15/8/91 Control Securities, Grand Met, Kunick, Next, Premier Cons Oil.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bank lending and its effects on profits

From Mr Norman Rayner

Sir, You report in today's *Times* (August 7) that first half profits of NatWest Bank were down by £330 million "largely because of bad debts from collapsed small businesses". Having read of the enormous sums which banks have lost through unwise lending to major companies, property developers and Third World countries, can we really be expected to believe this?

Whilst high interest rates have been blamed (in many cases quite wrongly) for industry's troubles, the banks seem to have nothing to say about the effect of these rates on their income. Perhaps the large bad debt provisions were needed to hide the huge profits their lending must have generated from hard pressed businesses.

Yours faithfully,
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Environmental welcome

From Mr Chris Bunyan, Campaigns Director of the Northern European Nuclear Information Group

Sir, The Business Section today *(August 7)* reported on Scottish Nuclear's annual report and its plans to stop reprocessing spent fuel at Sellafield and instead construct storage facilities at its nuclear reactors.

Your Industrial Correspondent stated that these plans "may meet strong opposition, however, from environmentalists".

Assuming the type of store proposed by Scottish Nuclear is safe, the opposite is in fact true. Environmental groups oppose reprocessing because it is expensive, unnecessary and creates vast quantities of radioactive wastes and discharges *into the* sea and atmosphere. Instead they have argued for storage above ground, at the point of production for all nuclear waste.

Scottish Nuclear is to be encouraged in its initiative — hopefully Nuclear Electric in England and Wales will soon also abandon reprocessing.

Yours faithfully,
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Cross-subsidy for equal pensions

From Ms Brenda Hancock

Sir, John Banham, director-general of the CBI, argued strongly against retrospection in the final outcome at the ECJ of the Barber issue, and pressed for supportive action by the UK government. I should like to take up, not his theme about retrospection, but one or two other points he made.

Th Equal Opportunities Commission has been pressing the case for equalisation of both state and occupational pensions for many years. We have, in particular, always found compelling the link between employers' pension schemes and pay as defined in the Treaty of Rome. It was very good to come across Mr Banham's statement that there is "no dispute about the desirability of equality".

One question he then raised was whether, under equal treatment, pension funds could still make separate actuarial calculations for men and women. This is something that ultimately the court must *decide; however, in 1985* Mercer Fraser (then Duncan C Fraser) produced for the EOC a report, *Model of Equality*, which showed precisely how equality and separate actuarial tables could be reconciled. That report was the first, so far as we know, to address the practicalities of how actuaries might think through the processes of equalisation.

Mr Banham went on to imply, however, that there would be something wrong, or unfair, in women receiving pensions on the same terms as men, because that would be to ignore "the reality that most women will enjoy their pensions for longer because they tend to live longer". This does seem to be rather at odds with his earlier endorsement of equality.

No one, whether male or female, who lives longer than average, needs less pension on that account; and insurance is full of examples of cross-subsidy. Looking to the future, *therefore, when the thorny* issue of retrospection has been settled — might I suggest that if more men asked themselves why most women are prevented from accumulating adequate pensions, the possibility of some general cross-subsidy between men and women would seem more tolerable?

Yours faithfully,
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FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,259	Cadbury	5,486	Lonrho	1,974	Royal Bank	3,230
Alld-Lyons	2,814	CU	358	Lucas	3,054	Royal Ins	3,284
Anglian	858	Courtaulds	703	M&S	5,723	Sainsbury	1,181
ASDA	4,322	Enterprise	659	Maxwell Cm	2,281	Scot & N	674
AB Foods	852	Eurotunnel	77	MEPC	513	Scot Power	1,864
Argyll	2,280	Fisons	1,767	Midland	5,623	Sears	1,785
Arjo Wigg	1,936	Forte	3,166	Natl Power	3,349	Severn Trnt	1,706
BAA	2,867	Gen Acc	695	Nat West	2,616	Shell	4,007
BET	672	GEC	5,643	N W Water	2,187	Smith & N	2,258
BTR	1,856	Glaxo	2,812	P&O	2,591	SK Beech	2,087
BAT	1,723	Grand Met	1,204	Pearson	496	Sun Allnce	849
Barclays	2,287	GUS 'A'	433	Pilkington	8,015	Tarmac	5,185
Bass	1,102	GRE	1,243	PowerGen	1,203	Tate Lyle	3,021
BICC	2,470	Guinness	1,863	Prudential	2,430	TSB	1,142
Bk Scotlnd	988	Hanson	7,717	Racal	3,295	Tesco	4,882
Blue Circle	1,428	Hawker	252	Rank	398	Thames Wtr	765
BOC	1,061	Hillsdown	3,390	R&C	1,198	Thorn EMI	1,370
Boots	912	ICI	776	Redland	1,518	Trafalgar	4,962
Br Aero	1,990	Inchcape	1,112	Reed	1,726	Ultramar	3,907
Br Airways	2,851	Kingfisher	995	Rentokil	998	Unilever	1,984
Br Gas	4,245	Lasmo	989	Reuters	1,471	United Bis	1,500
Br Petrol	7,862	Ladbroke	2,479	RMC Gp	509	Wellcome	508
Br Steel	9,462	Land Sec	384	RTZ	1,280	Whitbrd	1,369
Br Telecm	1,692	L&G	1,305	R-Royce	4,200	Williams	2,168
C&W	1,525	Lloyds	2,192	Rothmans 'B'	54	Willis Cor	224

The Times University degree results service

ABERYSTWYTH

Faculty of Arts

Joint Honours

Class I: Geuter V R (Art History and History)

Class II (Div 1): Ames J P (French and International Politics); Barnett A J (Economics and Spanish); Bartholomew-Biggs S M J (Drama and English); Bassett E J (French and Spanish); Beck I R (Art History and History); Bradbury J A (French and Pure Mathematics); Casquinha A A (European Studies and Spanish); Cudory J L (Drama and English); Crawford J S (Classical Studies and History); Davies M (History and Welsh History); Drever J G (American Studies and English); Evans C A (Classical Studies and History); Forbes I D (History and International Politics); Furlong J T (History and Politics); Gee C W (Economic and Social History and History); Gentles R I (Classical Studies and English); Gilbert M J (French and Politics); Grein H F (German and International Politics); Hawthorn H M (French and Spanish); Hughes G P (Drama and English); Jones C L (French and Italian); Kennedy S K (French and Geography); Knowles J E (Classical Studies and English); Laing C P (French and Spanish); Lewis C E (Welsh and Welsh History); Liggett R J (History and Politics); Maggs V S-J (Drama and English); Matthews C R (Art History and Classical Studies); McInroy G K (Drama and Education); Nicholas C E (Drama and English); Northey M S D (History and International Politics); Parker C C J (English and History); Pickup Z (Art History and English); Pride M (Drama and Welsh); Pugh S C (Education and History); Ransford C W (History and International Politics); Rhys G V (Drama and *French*); Rogers O (Drama and Welsh History); Rowe S D (English and History); Scott L C (French and Italian); Simms D J (German and Irish); Thomas S W (Classical Studies and History); Tilley L V (Classical Studies and Education); Tuppen S L (History and Irish); Wakeley M (History and International Politics); Watkins C (French and Italian); West S A (History and Politics); Williams G L (Drama and Welsh); Williams K P (French and Spanish)

Class II (Div 2): Anderson J E (Classical Studies and History); ap Dafydd I A (Geography and International *Politics*); Barnes E M (Economics and French); Carter R (French and Spanish); Chappory I (Education and Geography); Cooke J R (French and Spanish); Cooper J E (Drama and English); Cussen C M (French and Music); Davies L E (Classical Studies and History); Davies N W (Drama and Welsh); Devereux C M (French and Spanish); Ellis S (Drama and English); Grant K J (German and International Politics); Hay C P (German and Spanish); Houlihan A V (French and Spanish); Hugh J (French and Spanish); Jones A P (Geography and Politics); Korner V L (Art History and Classical Studies); Lloyd S P (French and Italian); Lockley R W (Education and Music); Lowe J A (French and Spanish); Maredudd O L (Art History and Welsh History); Pennington M E (American Studies and History); Rinkert H C (Art History and Classical Studies); Rowe A D (Classical Studies and English); Shipton S G (American Studies and English); Shirley G L (Art History and Classical Studies); Slater A L (Drama and English); Stansfield S J (Classical Studies and Education); Symons C A (History and Politics); Tedford K S (French and Music); Thomas D (Education and English); Tutt J L (Classical Studies and Drama); Williams C D (Music and Welsh); Williams L M (French and Spanish); Young A (History and Music)

Class III: Dean B (Drama and History); Dunford A N (French and Welsh); Hobday S T (Economics and German); Kernohan J S (Art History and Music); Shah T K (French and Spanish)

Pass: Benbough A J (Classical Studies and English)

American Studies

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Drama

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Am Inc	35.53	37.83●	+0.06	4.10
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NAm Gth	52.80	56.45●	+0.23	1.42
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UK Gth Acc	81.71	87.38	+0.47	2.57
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Inc Trust	431.6	461.6●	+4.7	6.06
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Australia	60.41	64.57	+0.11	1.30
Convertible	45.30	48.54	+0.31	8.20
East	133.6	142.5	-0.5	1.20
Equity Inc	76.56	81.46	+0.25	6.70
Euro Gth	180.0	191.4	+0.5	2.20
Euro Smr Cos	156.6	166.5	+0.8	1.40
Exempt	69.86	72.14●	..	4.00
German Gth	46.47	49.66	+0.25	1.00
Global Gth	83.72	89.37	+0.25	1.00
Jap Gth	155.1	166.1●	..	0.00
Jap Sunrise	139.3	148.7	-0.8	0.00
Portfolio	100.7	104.9c	+0.9	3.70
Do Acc	169.3	176.3c	+1.5	3.70
UK Growth	54.63	58.11	+0.36	4.30
UK Smr Cos	68.07	72.80	+0.36	2.80
Select Man	54.18	57.63	+0.36	3.00

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 90.6 (day's range 90.6-90.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2937-3.3098	3.2937-3.2974	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	60.10-60.55	60.11-60.31	13-8pr	28-18pr
Copenhagen	11.3048-11.3704	11.3048-11.3282	2-1pr	4⅝-3⅝pr
Dublin	1.0940-1.0960	1.0945-1.0955	13-7pr	25-15pr
Frankfurt	2.9227-2.9345	2.9227-2.9261	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Lisbon	250.38-252.13	250.45-251.44	37-122ds	175-312ds
Madrid	182.56-183.91	182.56-183.35	22-28ds	69-83ds
Milan	2189.06-2198.62	2190.54-2193.75	1-2ds	4-6ds
Montreal	1.9243-1.9405	1.9260-1.9297	0.42-0.37pr	0.80-0.71pr
New York	1.6825-1.6945	1.6865-1.6875	0.76-0.75pr	2.16-2.14pr
Oslo	11.4260-11.4868	11.4260-11.4487	1-⅝pr	1⅝-⅞pr
Paris	9.9402-9.9875	9.9402-9.9546	1½-1¼pr	3⅛-3pr
Stockholm	10.6131-10.6705	10.6131-10.6363	⅜-⅛pr	⅛pr-⅛ds
Tokyo	229.75-231.05	230.04-230.34	⅜-⅛pr	2⅜-1⅞pr
Vienna	20.5523-20.6813	20.5551-20.5841	3⅝-2⅝pr	9-6½pr
Zurich	2.5662-2.5739	2.5694-2.5734	⅜-⅛pr	1⅝-1⅜pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 10 Week fixed: 11
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10 9/16; 3 mth 10 5/16. Sell: 2 mth 10½; 3 mth 10 7/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10 23/32-11 1/16	10 19/32-10 9/16	10 15/32-7/16	10 1/16-10	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-11	11 1/32-10 31/32	10 15/16-10⅞	10 13/16-10¾	10 11/16-10⅝
Interbank:	11 1/16-11	11-10 15/16	11-10⅞	10 13/16-10¾	10⅝-10½
(Overnight: open 11⅝, close 9½.)					
Local Authority Deps:	11 1/16	n/a	11	10¾	10⅝
Sterling CDs:	11 1/16-11	11-10 15/16	10 29/32-10⅞	10¾-10⅝	10⅝-10 9/16
Dollar CDs:	5.65-5.60	5.65-5.60	5.65-5.60	5.75-5.70	6.00-5.95
Building Society CDs:	11 3/32-11 1/32	11 1/32-10 31/32	10 15/16-10⅞	10 25/32-10¾	10 11/16-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5 11/16-5 9/16	5 11/16-5⅝	5¾-5 9/16	5⅞-5 11/16	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	9⅛-8⅞	9 3/16-9 1/16	9⅜-9¼	9⅜-9¼	8⅝-7½
French Franc:	9⅝-9⅜	9⅝-9½	9 11/16-9 9/16	9⅝-9½	9 11/16-9⅜
Swiss Franc:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7 15/16-7 13/16	8-7
Yen:	7 3/16-7⅛	7⅜-7¼	7 5/16-7 3/16	7 1/16-6 15/16	7¼-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $358.00-358.50 Close: $357.90-358.40 High: $358.50-359.00
Low: $357.60-358.10 Krugerrand: $357.50-358.50 (£212.00-213.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-85.00 (£49.75-50.75) New $83.75-84.75 (£49.50-50.50)
Platinum: $342.50 (£202.30) Silver: $3.97 (£2.345) Palladium: $78.85 (£46.55)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16792.5-16819.3
Australia dollar	2.1711-2.1744
Bahrain dinar	0.6315-0.6395
Brazil cruzeiro *	624.94-625.83
Cyprus pound	0.795-0.805
Finland marka	7.105-7.185
Greece drachma	322.15-325.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.1424-12.1519
India rupee	43.61-44.01
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6913-4.6958
Mexico peso	5100-5200
New Zealand dollar	2.9529-2.9599
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2825-6.3625
Singapore dollar	2.9111-2.9146
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4060-5.4992
S Africa rand (com)	4.8519-4.8600
U A E dirham	6.15-6.25

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2815-1.2827
Austria	12.17-12.19
Belgium (Com)	35.63-35.67
Canada	1.1428-1.1433
Denmark	6.6930-6.6980
France	5.8775-5.8825
Germany	1.7260-1.7270
Hong Kong	7.7605-7.7615
Ireland	1.5440-1.5455
Italy	1295.0-1297.0
Japan	136.10-136.20
Malaysia	2.7702-2.7712
Netherlands	1.9535-1.9550
Norway	6.7650-6.7700
Portugal	148.60-148.80
Singapore	1.7190-1.7200
Spain	108.50-108.60
Sweden	6.2850-6.2900
Switzerland	1.5143-1.5153

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.138%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 38000	Sep 91	2634.0	2654.0	2634.0	2641.0	4820
	Dec 91	2683.0	2692.0	2683.0	2685.5	79
	Mar 92				2721.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 137963	Sep 91	89.25	89.27	89.21	89.26	12097
	Dec 91	89.72	89.78	89.72	89.76	10124
	Mar 92	89.97	90.00	89.96	89.99	1243
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 33018	Sep 91	94.39	94.33	94.25	94.37	3854
	Dec 91	94.03	94.04	93.97	94.01	4026
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 128926	Sep 91	90.63	90.70	90.58	90.68	24427
	Dec 91	90.65	90.70	90.61	90.67	21718
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3586	Sep 91	97-24	98-02	97-15	97-21	2101
	Dec 91				96-28	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 51859	Sep 91	93-17	93-21	93-09	93-14	21873
	Dec 91	93-22	93-25	93-19	93-21	570
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	97.07	97.17	97.05	97.22	17
	Dec 91	97.47	97.85	97.47	97.82	798
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 92285	Sep 91	84.94	85.12	84.63	85.04	85195
	Dec 91	85.09	85.30	84.84	85.22	3626
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 5379	Sep 91	90.05	90.12	90.05	90.10	162
	Dec 91	90.15	90.22	90.14	90.16	187

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	673 BID	Sep	508-507	Oct	195.6-94.0
Dec	712-711	Nov	531-530	Dec	186.0-82.8
Mar	746-745	Jan	553-552	Mar	181.0-80.8
May	765-763	Mar	570-569	May	183.2-81.8
Jul	783-782	May	unq	Aug	200.0-85.4
Sep	802-800	Jul	unq	Oct	186.0-84.8
Dec	825-823	Sep	unq		
	Vol: 5538		Vol: 3295		Vol: 721

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	111.90	Sep	109.40	Oct	128.50
Nov	115.65	Nov	113.45	Dec	131.50
Jan	119.25	Jan	116.90	Feb	135.80
Mar	122.80	Mar	119.65	Apr	136.30
May	125.50	May	121.40	Jun	135.30
Vol:	222	Vol:	95	Vol:	255

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 120

Mar ($/tonne)	Open: unq	Close: 113.5
Apr	112.0	108.8
May	unq	120.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	63.52	129.50	107.00
(+/-)	+0.86	+6.60	-0.43
Eng/Wales:	63.26	130.01	107.46
(+/-)	+0.85	+6.58	+0.21
(%)	-6.9	-30.8	-29.0
Scotland:	73.01	128.80	105.39
(+/-)	-2.49	+6.37	-2.65
(%)	+32.3	-30.5	-31.5

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Aug	Open:	unq
	Close:	82.3
Sep	Open:	unq
	Close:	90.5
Oct	Open:	98.2
	Close:	98.2

Volume: 21

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1315.0-1316.0	1341.0-1342.0	605525
Lead (£/tonne)	321.50-322.00	333.50-334.00	25650
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1057.0-1057.5	1073.5-1074.0	188400
Tin ($/tonne)	5654.0-5655.0	5740.0-5743.0	8605
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1240.0-1241.0	1271.0-1272.0	458975
Nickel ($/tonne):	8150.0-8155.0	8151.0-8155.0	19986

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm:

The *market lacked* any new information. Thus prices drifted lower in thin trading.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.20	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.25	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.40	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	21.20	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.20	-0.25

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	240 (-2)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	185 (-1)	186 (-1)
Non EEC 2H Aug	185 (-6)	186 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Sep	186 (-3)	187 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	65 (n/c)	67 (n/c)
Naphtha	204 (+2)	207 (+2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Sep	186.75-86.50	Jan	unq
Oct	188.25-88.00	Feb	184.00 BID
Nov	189.50-89.00	Mar	177.00 BID
Dec	190.75-90.25		Vol: 2228

BRENT

Sep	19.25-19.30	Nov	19.60-19.65
Oct	19.40-19.45		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 91	1575	1570	1578
Sep 91	1668	1650	1660
Oct 91	1706	1690	1702
Jan 92	1706	1690	1702

Vol: 220 lots Open interest: 2327
Dry cargo index 1518 +28

FOX MGMB INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	137.90	138.60
Dec	139.00	139.60
Mar	139.50	140.40

Vol: 250

Court of Appeal

Law Report August 16 1991

Council fails to prove severe financial hardship

Regina v Greenwich London Borough Council, Ex parte Lovelace and Another

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment July 31]

There was no reason in principle why a local authority or any other large body should not be able to establish that the amount expended on costs in legal proceedings placed an exceptional burden on its resources and that it would suffer severe financial hardship unless the Legal Aid Board paid the costs.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing in part applications by the London Borough of Greenwich, pursuant to section 18 of the Legal Aid Act 1988, for orders for costs against the Legal Aid Board arising out of proceedings for judicial review brought against it by Mrs Serena Lovelace and by Mr Christopher Fay.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court had dismissed the two applications with costs (*The Times* June 23, 1989; [1990] 1 WLR 18) but determined that neither of the applicants should be under any liability in respect of those costs.

Mrs Lovelace's subsequent appeal was dismissed with costs by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* December 17, 1990; [1991] 1 WLR 506). The order for costs against Mrs Lovelace was ordered not to be enforced without the leave of the court.

Mr Antony White for Greenwich; Mr Duncan Matheson, QC, for the Legal Aid Board.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that it was clear from the wording of section 18(1) and (2) of the 1988 Act that any order for the payment of costs by the Legal Aid Board was to be made by the court by which the proceedings were finally decided in favour of the unassisted party.

The point at which proceedings were to be treated as finally decided was laid down in section 18(7).

Once an appeal had been brought, the lower court was *functus officio* and, save in exceptional circumstances, the word "proceedings" in those subsections had to be construed so as to cover all the claims included in the writ, summons, motion or other originating process by which the proceedings were begun.

The question whether the Divisional Court was to be regarded as a court of first instance for the purpose of section 18(4) of the Act depended on the nature of the proceedings and the status of the decision which was under review.

In the present case, the court of first instance for the purpose of section 18(4) was the Divisional Court which heard the applications for judicial review in June 1989.

In principle there was no reason why a local authority or any other large body should not be able to establish in a particular case that the amount expended on costs placed a quite exceptional burden on its resources and that it would suffer severe financial hardship unless the Legal Aid Board paid the costs.

In the present case, however, the evidence was wholly insuffcient to establish severe financial hardship. The sums involved fell far short of what would have to be proved to establish such hardship. It was not enough that some curtailment of socially desirable expenditure would be necessary.

The words "severe financial hardship" in section 18(4)(b) of the 1988 Act were strong words and indicated some real impairment of the ability to function normally.

Although the Court of Appeal had, in the instant case, the jurisdiction to make an order in favour of the council in respect of the costs incurred in the Divisional Court, no such order would be made.

In the case of the costs incurred by the council in the Court of Appeal, however, there was no need to establish severe financial hardship.

But it was submitted by the Board that it was necessary in any event for the court to be satisfied that it was just and equitable in all the circumstances that provision for the costs should be made out of public funds and that the court could not or should not be so satisfied where the applicant was itself a public body.

His Lordship could see some force in that argument if the applicant was a public body funded solely by the general body of taxpayers. But that was not the case. Although a substantial portion of the expenditure of local authorities was met out of general taxation a further substantial proportion was met by local residents and businesses.

It would be just and equitable that the council should recover the costs which they were obliged to incur in defending the judicial review proceedings.

Where an application for an order under section 18 was adjourned by a court to enable the Legal Aid Board to be represented, as was the current practice, the effect of that procedure could be seen as placing a burden on the Legal Aid Board to satisfy the court why no order should be made.

Where such an application was adjourned it should be incumbent on the applicant to supply the Legal Aid Board with details of the grounds for claiming severe financial hardship and the claim should be supported by affidavit evidence of the applicant's costs and financial resources.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed and Lord Justice Staughton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr David Atkinson, Greenwich; Mr Richard N. Green.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Two justices must adjourn case if they cannot agree on verdict

Regina v Redbridge Justices, Ex parte Ram

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Tudor-Evans

[Judgment July 31]

Where, after hearing an information, two justices could not agree either to convict or acquit a defendant, they had a duty to adjourn the case so that it could be heard before a differently constituted bench of three justices.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an application for an order of *mandamus* directing the Redbridge Justices to determine an information against the applicant, Gurmit Ram, in respect of which they had heard evidence.

Section 9 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 provides: "(2) The court, after hearing the evidence and the parties, shall convict the accused or dismiss the information."

Mr Neil Taylor, QC and Mr Mark Dacey for the applicant; Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the respondents.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that two justices had heard an information charging the applicant with theft. They had failed to agree and had adjourned the hearing with a direction that the matter be heard before a differently constituted bench of three justices. The justices had been advised by the clerk that it was within their discretion to act as they did.

It was clear to the court that not all justices' clerks gave the same advice in such a situation. The differences in practice could not be allowed to continue. Although an infrequent occurrence, it required a universally applied solution.

It was no answer to the problem to insist that an even number of justices never sat. Although that was the ideal situation the practical implications meant that it was not possible.

There were two alternatives: the justices should either be compelled to acquit or compelled to adjourn so that the information could be heard by a differently constituted bench of three justices.

The language of section 9(2) imposed a rigorous approach. It declared that there must be one of two decisions, either to acquit or to convict.

Therefore, if a bench of two could not agree, the court saw no other sensible construction of section 9(2) than that it obviously implied that a bench of three must become seised of the matter, re-hear the evidence and decide as the bench of two could not, that is, to convict or acquit on the evidence.

That was not a matter of discretion. The decision to adjourn arose from a duty so to do in the circumstances.

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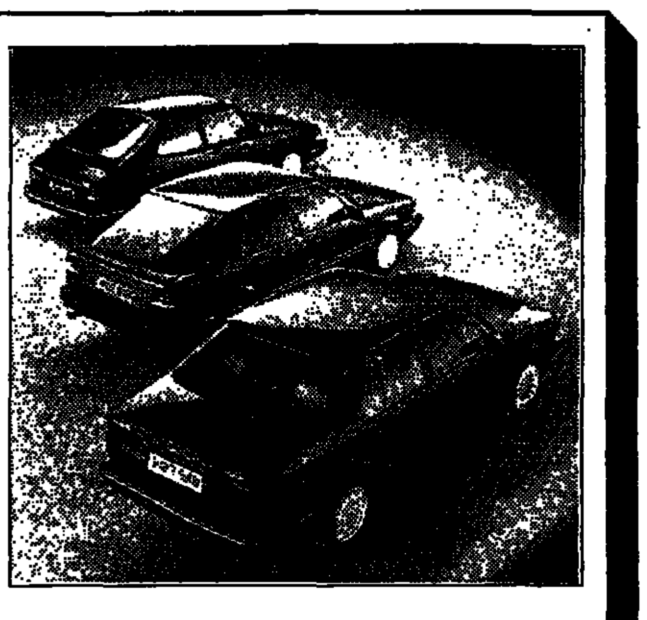

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Cheap cars from the Far East are winning British buyers, despite a recession-hit market. **Kevin Eason** reports

Korea joins bargain-buy sales drive

JOHN MANNING

Invader from Korea: the Kia Pride 1.3LX sells at £6,399 and comes with a catalytic converter

The monthly sales charts published by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders have been a catalogue of grief for car-makers over the past few years.

For three new and relatively unknown names, there has been no such gloom. Sales of models from Proton, Kia and Sao are growing fast, defying the recession that has caused such a loss of business for most showrooms.

Most motorists scanning the society's list of manufacturers would scratch their heads at the unfamiliar names nestling among Rover, Porsche, Jaguar and Lada. The three new names are spearheading an assault on the British market from nations which, unlike Japan, do not face the hindrance of quotas.

Proton, the Malaysian manufacturer, has shown that it can be done. From a standing start in 1989, the company sold more than 11,000 cars after exhibiting at the Birmingham international motor show. So far this year, Proton has sold 7,000 cars.

Sao, the latest arrival in the showrooms, comes from South Africa, and has yet to become established. But Kia, the new car from South Korea, looks, within two months of its arrival in Britain, as though it could build the same strong following as its Far Eastern rival, Proton. All three models share the same strength: Japanese technology.

Developing countries, lacking the resources to fund the development of an all-new car, have turned to the next best thing and taken on the old technology being discarded by the fast-moving Japanese. The Proton is Mitsubishi-based and the Sao is a version of Mazda's 323.

The Kia, however, is a good example of how a design, though old in car industry terms, can be given new zest. The Pride models now on sale are Kia's version of yet another Mazda, the popular 121. The little hatchbacks have no pretence to be anything more than excellent town transport at a budget price.

Not knowing what to expect from a car from Korea, I was surprised by the quality of the fit and finish. Perhaps that should be expected, as the Kia uses technology that was tried and tested by Mazda. Potential customers who compare the Kia against better-known rivals should be encouraged by the quality of the panel fitting, paintwork and interior.

The old-fashion "sit up and beg" driving position is an irritation, but one which is overcome by familiarity.

The car does not stand up well to punishment over long distances on the motorway. The 8.4 gallon tank holds enough for only 300 miles, and the noisy boom from the engine and tyres makes extended travelling uncomfortable.

The Kia comes into its own in town and city, using only 38 miles to the gallon of unleaded petrol and it is nippy, easy to park and has a sizeable boot.

Where cars such as the Kia, Proton or Sao score heavily is on the value-for-money audit that many motorists will put them through before they buy.

In contrast, sales of Lada cars have almost halved this year and sales of Skodas are down by more than 1,600 cars in the first seven months of 1991. These figures indicate that the three newcomers are taking sales from the existing "budget buys" rather than the Rover Metro, Ford Fiesta or Vauxhall Nova.

The cheapest Kia is the 1.1L model at £5,799, putting it into Lada and Skoda territory. The better-equipped 1.3LX costs just over £6,000 for the three-door and £6,799 for the five-door model.

My colleague, Vaughan Freeman, gives his assessment of the Proton: "At the heart of the Protons is a Mitsubishi-designed multi-valve engine that I found very spirited, despite modest official figures for acceleration.

"I was less convinced by the interior, which was not big enough for my 6ft 4in frame.

"Proton aims to attract those motorists who want to get from A to B efficiently and cheaply. The car meets these objectives and provides reasonable fuel economy on the way. Standard features such as a sunroof, and a superb package of warranties covering engineering, paint and corrosion make the Proton an attractive buy."

HOW THE RIVALS SQUARE UP

KIA PRIDE 1.3LX:
Price: £6,399 (three-door)
Engine: 1.3-litre through five-speed gearbox for 60bhp. Catalytic converter fitted as standard
Performance: 0 to 60mph in 11.6 seconds, top speed 91mph and fuel consumption 38.2mpg in town

PROTON 1.5SE aerodeck:
Price — £9,250
Engine — 1.5-litre, 12-valve for 82 brake horse power at 6,000rpm through five-speed gearbox
Performance — 0 to 60mph in 12.4 seconds, top speed 103mph and fuel consumpion 28mpg in town

The show runs out of road

Dealers became used to the glitz and glamour that went with their products over many years. The finale was usually the scantily clad blonde on a motor-show car bonnet.

Out of the public eye were the gaudy dealer presentations of new models, or annual sales conferences where those hard-nosed salesmen were whipped into a "frenzy of enthusiasm" for the coming year, topped by a lavish dinner and cabaret.

If the dealers were lucky enough to be agents for a multinational company, conferences could take place in exotic locations.

That was before the recession. Now car companies, suffering lost sales running into tens of millions of pounds, cannot afford the glittering high-life. A cup of good cheer at a motor show in London is all the dealers can expect until the economy picks up.

Citroën, the French manufacturer, for example, held its last dealer conference on home ground in Lyons. This year, dealers have been invited to a "no frills" dinner at the London Motorfair in October.

Some car companies, however, are pulling out of the annual display because of cost. Rover has withdrawn to save an estimated £2 million and Lada and BMW are not appearing. Alpine Electronics, which makes stereophonic music systems for Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and Lamborghini, became the first of the component makers to announce it was not taking part.

Rover says that its annual dealer conferences are "business-like" without any razzmatazz.

The sorry story of financial cutbacks is happening the world over, even in the United States, home of corporate entertainment. Dealer conferences there have always been high-spending affairs, costing between $1.5 million (£880,000) and $4 million (£2.3 million), with high-tech video promotions and entertainers hired for a dazzling after-dinner show.

One of the most famous shows from the Eighties featured Bill Cosby, a troupe of dancers, and an artificial mountain on which was parked a Ford Bronco 4x4 showered by thunder and lightning.

Ford, like other American car makers, according to *Automotive News*, says that conferences in future have to concentrate on business, not entertainment. One sales manager for Lincoln-Mercury in Detroit put the new concept into an all-American nutshell. He said: "It's a bring-'em-home kind of programme. There's zero glitz."

ROADWISE

Swinging the lead

UNLEADED fuel has not been the success the government and oil companies expected. BP found that of 7,500 motorists filling in reply cards at its service stations, 47 per cent could have used unleaded petrol but were not. This figure means that 5.5 million cars in Britain which should be running on unleaded are shunning the greener fuel.

Meanwhile, Seat, the Spanish manufacturer, says it will tell buyers of its new Ibiza model that the car can run on ordinary unleaded fuel. After the company was criticised in these columns for producing a model that would run only on four-star or 98RON super unleaded fuel, Seat says its earlier information was misleading. The car, the company says, can be tuned to run on the standard and much cheaper 95RON unleaded petrol.

Right lines

AS MANY as 100 motorists will drive off a continental ferry this year . . . and straight into trouble by failing to remember to keep right. Sealink Stena Line and the AA are giving out 350,000 leaflets and windscreen tickets to remind motorists to drive in the correct lane.

A Fiat feast

FIAT'S new Croma range is on sale in Britain, ranging from the 2.0CHT, capable of urban consumption of 37mpg, to the high-performance 158bhp Croma Turbo, the fastest production car Fiat has built. The 134mph sports car costs £19,249 on the road, the CHT £12,995.

Exotic offer

FOR those with a bent for word puzzles, the latest classic registrations are on sale from the Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency. The DVLA says that one of the most sought-after plates at the sale on September 2 and 3 will be XOT 1C.

Scented seats

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'Cat' facts

LEGISLATION requiring catalytic converters on all new cars comes into force in January 1993. For those wanting more information about the new laws, Johnson Matthey, one of the world's biggest "cat" producers, has published an explanatory leaflet. To get one, send an SAE measuring 9in by 6in to: Car pollution leaflet offer, c/o Infopress, 2/3 Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8AA.

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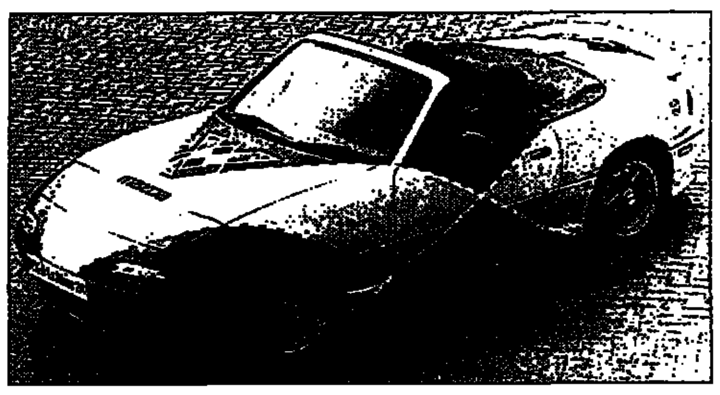

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Slimline meetings provide openings for smaller hotels

By DEREK HARRIS

DRIVEN by recession rigours to seek the greatest cost-effectiveness, companies are not so much cancelling conferences as slimming them down. This is presenting opportunities to small hotels with comparatively modest accommodation for meetings to attract business, as well as some of the chains.

The trend towards smaller meetings has been identified by groups including Jarvis Hotels, the former Embassy chain, which is headed by John Jarvis and has more than 60 summit suites around the country dedicated to offering quality facilities for small meetings.

The new suites have seen a 38 per cent trading improvement in the past 12 months, compared with the previous year under the Embassy banner.

Mr Jarvis believes a key factor is that many companies have closed regional offices, set up offices at employees' homes and have then needed to hold regular regional conferences to keep all areas and employees fully in the picture. He believes that this trend is continuing.

Peter Berners-Price, executive *chairman of Spectrum Communications*, a conference production company, has discerned a tendency for single national *conferences to be dropped in favour of* several regional ones because the overall cost is lower. Travelling costs, in particular, are slashed.

Conference business overall is reportedly down about 15 per cent. What seems clear is that conference holders look for at least adequate levels of facilities such as for audio-visual presentations. In the Jarvis format, the rooms are used only for conferences.

MR FRIDAY

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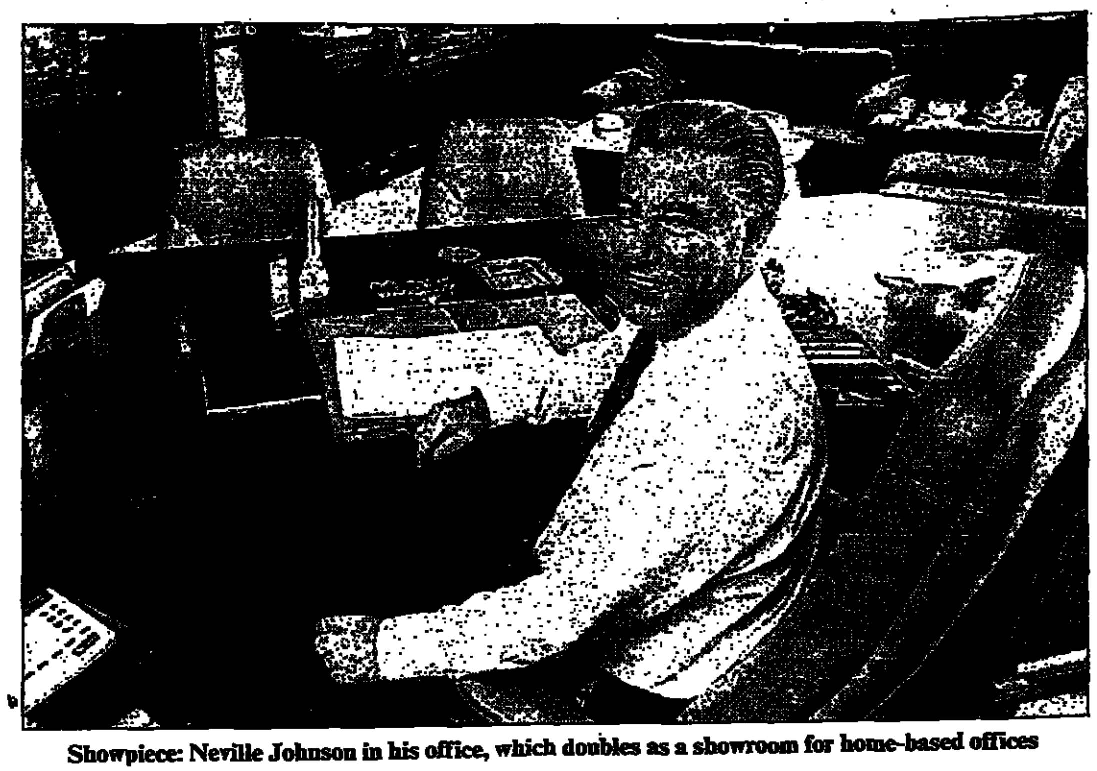
Fitting out fresh challenges

By PHILIP BARRON

NEVILLE Johnson first made fitted kitchens, progressed to fitted offices and has been opening a *new sector in fitted home offices* as well as moving into fitted bedrooms as the recession has thrown him a series of challenges.

At Trafford Park, Manchester, where he has two factories, Mr Johnson has been forced to slim the workforce as times became tougher, but he says: "This family business is more than surviving. It is not so much cash flow that matters but managing to bring in some profit."

In a furniture sector littered with problem companies, he still expects to maintain turnover levels this year. A craft design-led approach exploiting an upmarket niche in furniture can be one success formula, but Mr Johnson has pulled it off with diversification allied to conservative *financing.*



Showpiece: Neville Johnson in his office, which doubles as a showroom for home-based offices

Mr Johnson's business was founded 26 years ago. He had commissioned a small joinery business to make a kitchen for his house to his own design. A friend saw it and asked Mr Johnson to provide one for him; someone else saw that kitchen and made a similar request.

Mr Johnson, then just 21 years old, took the hint and started manufacturing and retailing fitted kitchens. Then he applied the *same principle to office fittings.*

In 1986, he had an office made *for himself in his own factory.* Its design features appealed to visitors and history repeated itself: a customer of the kitchen business asked for a fitted office.

He secured bank backing on the strength of the kitchen company's success, although his essentially conservative policy on indebtedness has been a key element on the enterprise's survival. The collapse *of the housebuilding market hit* the Johnson operation hard about 18 months ago. Until September last year, the fitted offices venture was thriving. Mr Johnson has recently tried tapping the market among the growing number of people working from home. A fitted office costs upwards of £3,500 retail.

With the contraction of the *company* based business, Mr Johnson has targeted this new market more keenly.

Upmarket fitted bedroom furniture is the latest of Mr Johnson's ventures and is selling well.

Combined turnover of the businesses in the year to March this year was just more than £11 million, about the same as the year before.

BRIEFINGS

☐ THE Rural Development Commission has published a guide on help available to businesses in the countryside and predicts that 100,000 people will be forced out of agriculture in the next ten years. The directory of sources of financial assistance gives advice on topics from finding premises to training staff, with separate sections on different types of business, from tourism to fish farming. A list of where to find help in England, Scotland and Wales is given. A key feature is a checklist that shows all the official organisations providing assistance to any particular type of business. The booklet says that local authorities or local enterprise agencies will be able to advise on available premises. *Action for Rural Enterprise* is available free from the commission at 141, Castle Street, *Salisbury*, Wiltshire SP1 3TP.

☐ Wiltshire Training and Enterprise Council (Tec) *is mounting* a travelling roadshow in its area, starting tomorrow, which will deal with training topics and offer practical advice in setting up a new business or expanding an existing one. The roadshow will be at Devizes tomorrow, Swindon on August 22, *Chippenham* on August 23, Salisbury on August 29, Warminster on August 30 and Trowbridge on August 31.

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Cruising sails through the recession

Tomorrow, P&O's latest liner sails on its maiden commercial voyage. In this special report **Derek Harris** looks at the ship and the state of the cruise market

Warm waters, flying fish, romantic moonlit evenings, nightclubs, exotic destinations, wonderful food and endless parties . . . these are the *images of the cruise ship*, founded on a thousand old movies and relived each year by more and more people.

As airlines battle to regain the passenger levels achieved before the Gulf war, the cruise ship operators are mostly smiling, buoyed by demand and talk of potential growth because it is such a relatively unexploited leisure market.

Bob Duffett, the acting director of the Passenger Shipping Association (PSA), the trade body for shipowners and cruise operators, says: "We have had four remarkable years for Britons taking cruises. Numbers have more than doubled."

In 1986, when cruising was still said to appeal mainly to the old and well-off, 91,500 Britons took holidays afloat. By last year the number had risen to 186,490, a 10 per cent increase on the previous year. Because of the Gulf war, many Mediterranean cruises were cancelled, but the flexibility of cruise-ship scheduling meant that some ships were *rerouted* to safer destinations. P&O switched two ships, Royal Princess and Crown Princess, from the Mediterranean to the Caribbean for the summer. Although *the recession could have* a further impact, cruise buyers are generally better protected from economic fluctuations than many. P&O surveys show that the typical cruise passenger is aged about 40, affluent, and getting more so. Mr Duffett believes that at worst 1991 may prove a year of zero growth rather than decline. There has been some discounting of prices in the British and continental markets.

The tour operator Page and Moy, which specialises in selling cruises, says the market is thriving. David Short, the managing director of the retail division, says: "We are holding up well."

The US market for short cruises shows potential for growth. Americans are the most assiduous buyers of cruises, and the average age on trips taking three or four days is 28, with the emphasis on letting the good times roll, including *the dice and other forms of* gambling.

In this new type of cruising, two elements have played key roles. One has been the development of *the chartered aircraft sector*, which has enabled fly-cruising to be keenly priced, offering fast transport to and from the core cruising areas, the Caribbean or the Pacific.

The other has been that industry leaders, such as *P&O* and Cunard, have been spending heavily on promotion. Of the near £6 million spent on cruise advertising in Britain last year, P&O and Cunard accounted for well over two-thirds.

'We have had four remarkable years for Britons taking cruises'

Tim Harris, the chairman of P&O Cruises and president of its American-based subsidiary, Princess Cruises, says: "We were deliberately trying to build the cruising market as a whole to broaden its appeal. This is the way *it will increasingly go*. There is so much potential there." The British cruise market, by which the trade means Britons taking cruises rather than cruises starting in the UK, has had an annual growth rate of 15 per cent over the past five years and is *worth about £200 million a year*. This represents only 6 per cent of all package-holiday revenue, and the number of people cruising was less than 2 per cent of all package-holiday passengers.

Mr Duffett says fly-cruises to the Caribbean have shown the most dramatic *growth in the British* market. Cruises in the Caribbean, the world's most popular cruise area, account for a third of the British market. Other fly-cruises, especially those to the Mediterranean, are also growing while the quietest segment has been *cruises starting in the UK*.

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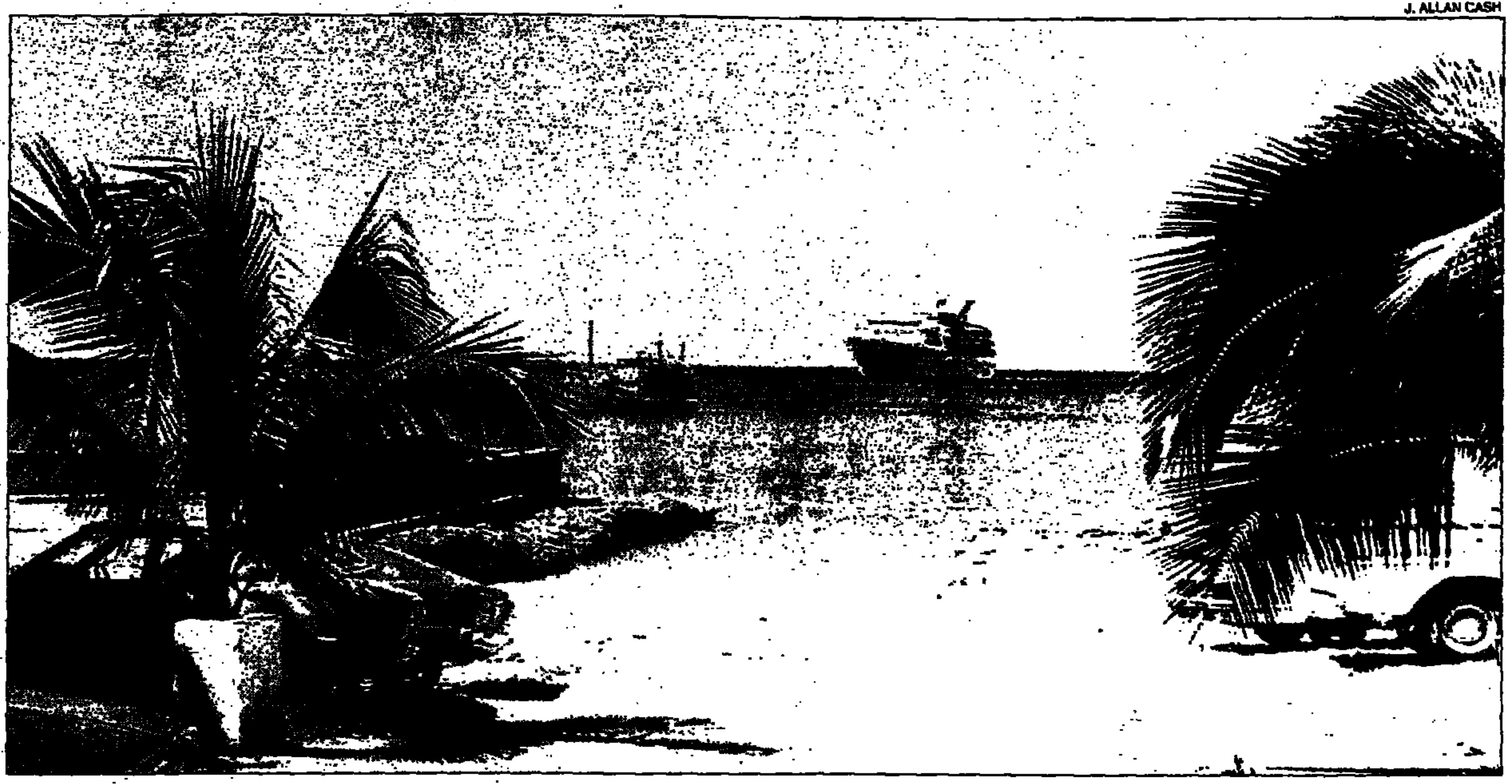
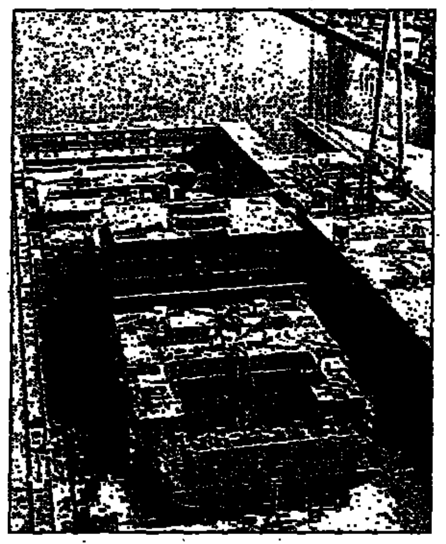


Dropping anchor: a liner off the Cayman Islands in the West Indies. The number of Britons taking cruises is growing by 15 per cent a year, a market worth £200 million

Shipyard buoyant with business

An Italian company is booming because of the demand for liners



Birth of a beauty: the Regal Princess takes shape at Monfalcone shipyard

Regal Princess, the latest ship to join P&O's fleet, starts its first commercial voyage tomorrow from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Like its sister ship, Crown Princess, it was built by Fincantieri, part of the state-controlled *Istituto* per *la* Ricostruzione Industriale (IRI) group, at its Monfalcone shipyard, near Trieste. The group, dominant in its domestic market, is one of the biggest, most advanced shipbuilders in Europe and Monfalcone is Europe's biggest shipyard.

In 200 years, Fincantieri has built more *than 5,000 ships* — yet the Princess *vessels* still presented a challenge. At 70,000 tonnes, they are among the largest cruise ships and feature a shallow draught to allow them access to a greater variety of ports.

Corrado Antonini, Fincantieri's managing director, faced "remarkable design complexities"; with a modern cruise vessel, *every structural tonne must be able to* shoulder a further tonne of fittings.

Into the Regal Princess went 13,600 tonnes of plate metal, 60,000 pipes, about 600 miles of cables and more than a million yards of welding. More than 3,000 skilled workers helped to create the ship.

The dome on the Regal Princess was built from light alloy, *part of Fincantieri's* design to use a range of lighter materials, some of them seen for the first time in shipbuilding. Construction of the dome required tolerances more associated with *the aircraft industry than with shipbuilding*. The dome was prefabricated ashore before being lifted into position.

*Another innovation was to house life*boats on a lower deck than normal, allowing more sea-facing cabins to be installed while meeting the latest safety standards. Diesel *electric power is used with special insulation* systems to produce low noise and vibration levels.

The two P&O ships have been crucial in re-establishing Fincantieri in the cruise ship market. The company had not built an ocean-going passenger ship for 20 years.

About to take shape in the Monfalcone yard is the first of three cruise ships, each of 54,000 tonnes, for Carnival Cruise Lines of the *United* States. Two other cruise ships for another line, Costa Crociere, are also scheduled.

Fincantieri is in the running to build at least one more ship for P&O, which is believed to be looking at the possibility of a ship with a higher minimum berth capacity — possibly over the 2,000 mark — than the Regal Princess's 1,600.

Eventually P&O will be seeking a replacement for the Canberra, built in 1961, *which is geared primarily to the UK round*-trip market, so timing of a replacement will depend very much on how the British cruise market develops.

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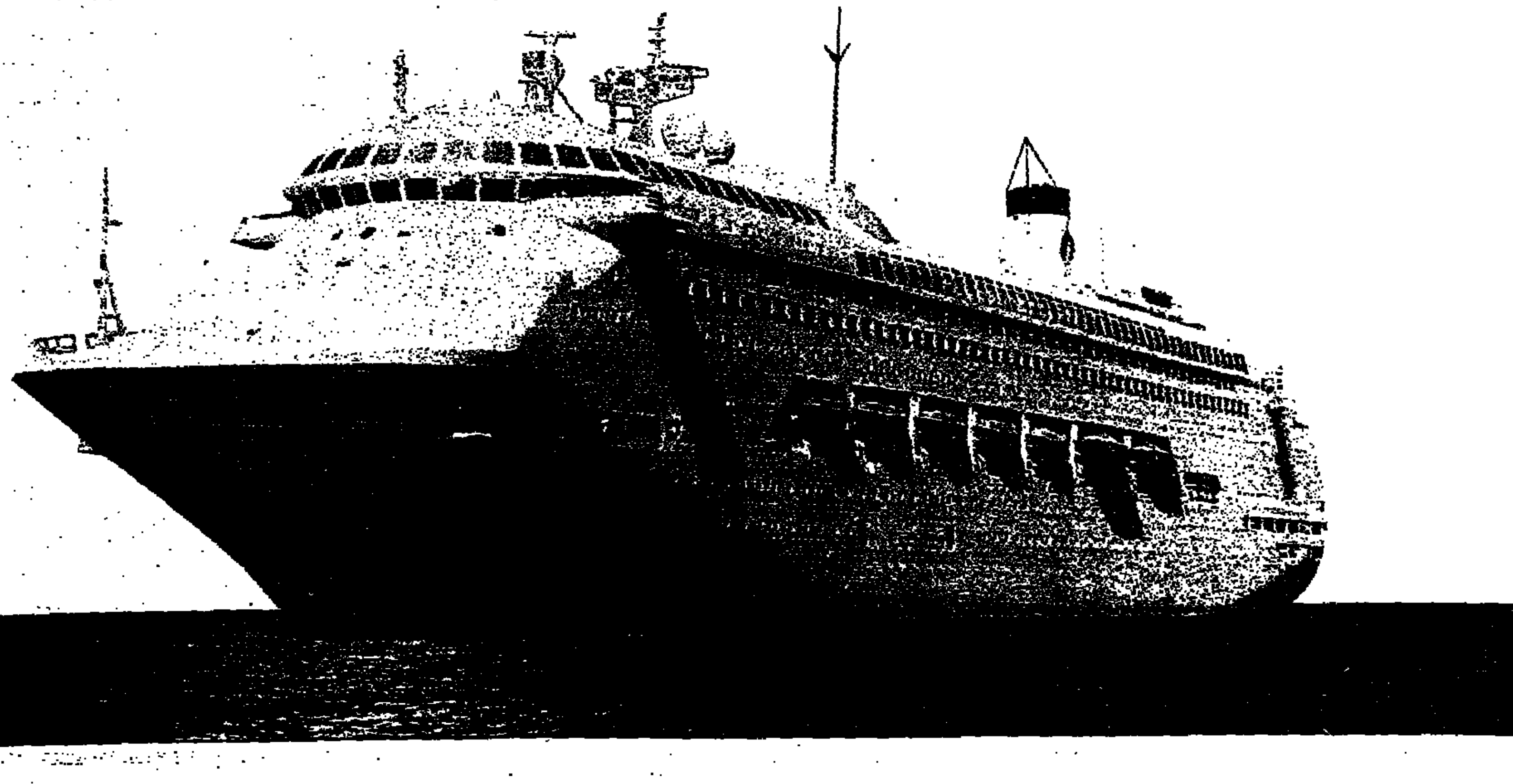

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Watching the party: some of the kitchen staff of the Regal Princess leaning from the deck at the naming ceremony in New York. Most of the crew are Italian and Portuguese, although the ship carries British staff to deal with passengers

Launch of the leisure dolphin

The sea mammal inspired the ship's designer to draw up an original shape when he planned the latest pleasure cruiser

Before Margaret Thatcher conducted the traditional champagne naming of the latest P&O cruise ship, the Regal Princess, the gleaming vessel with its striking dolphin-like lines had already been launched as a ship for great occasions.

After its completion at the Italian shipyard of Fincantieri near Trieste, sea trials took place before it sailed to Boston in the United States and on to New York for the naming ceremony last week. On the eve of the ceremony, Lord Sterling, P&O's chairman, co-hosted a dinner.

After the morning ceremony, at Brooklyn's Pier 8, Mrs Thatcher toured the ship, whose most striking feature is the dome resembling a dolphin's head atop the bridge. The ship's designer, Renzo Piano, was, with *Richard Rogers*, architect of the Pompidou centre in Paris. The Regal Princess's sister ship, Crown Princess, which went into service a year ago, was the first ship the Italian-born Signor Piano designed.

He likes to incorporate in his designs the feeling of technology and nature, which resulted in the concept of a ship resembling a dolphin moving through water.

In the dome, which has a maximum height of 19ft and measures 13,000 sq ft, the floor shows and other entertainment are concentrated, including a casino, dance floor, bar and observation area *decorated with more than a hundred* plants. Lord Sterling showed Mrs Thatcher around the ship, which has the soft décor — incorporating fresh coral and aqua tones, light woods, polished metals and granite — used throughout the Princess fleet.

The amount of space per passenger is claimed to be one of the biggest for this type of ship. Stateroom features include television, refrigerator, a safe, big picture windows *to outside-facing* cabins and twin beds, which convert to queen-size doubles. The disabled are catered for with ten wheelchair-accessible cabins.

At the core of the ship is a three-storey atrium foyer with a sweeping staircase. There are places to meet, drink, eat and dance as well as a duty-free shopping arcade selling everything from fine jewellery and crystal to perfumes and fashion wear. Six varieties of caviar are available at the wine and champagne bar, and the Bengal Bar, with its British India theme and striking floor-to-ceiling mirror wall, adds atmosphere to jazz sessions.

Next door is the Adagio room, an elegantly appointed piano lounge reminiscent of the days of the great ocean liners. A waterfall cascades in one pool on the lido deck while another has an in-pool bar. Nearby, freshly baked pizzas are on offer.

Fitness enthusiasts are well catered for. There is a beauty and health centre, including an aerobics floor and a well-equipped gymnasium *with weight machines and* exercise bikes. There are saunas, massage, beauty care and hairdressing facilities.

The ship carries an extensive art collection of more than 2,000 pieces, estimated to be worth almost £600,000. They include works by David Hockney, Robert Motherwell, Frank Stella, Richard Diebenkorn, Helen Frankenthaler and James Rosenquist. Other paintings, sculptures, graphics and murals *have been commissioned for display* in the ship's public rooms, outdoor areas and passenger cabins. The art collection maintains a tradition followed by six others in the nine-ship Princess fleet. Total value of the fleet's art investment is put at almost £3 million.

Launch date: Mrs Thatcher, with husband Denis, left, and Lord Sterling, P&O's chairman

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Exotic ports beckon

THE Regal Princess tomorrow starts a year-round programme of cruises in the Caribbean, operating from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with passengers, including Britons, mostly travelling by air to join the ship. The cruises are fully booked into September.

Celebrity singers Jack Jones, Tony Bennett and Vic Damone will entertain passengers *on the popular* nine-day cruises.

There are other, longer, cruises visiting places such as San Juan in Puerto Rico, Montego Bay in Jamaica, Grand Cayman, St Thomas, Nassau, and the Mexican island of Cozumel.

Prices for the nine-day, hotel-style cruises start at £895 per person, and include transatlantic flights from the UK, free regional flights within the UK, transfers, all meals and entertainment on board.

After flying into Miami there is an initial night's stay *at a top-class hotel. The only* main additional expenditure is the drinks bill.

Princess Cruises, the P&O Cruises subsidiary which organises the north American holiday programmes, is positioning its five largest ships in the Caribbean.

In addition to Regal Prin*cess and its sister ship* Crown Princess, which has been in service for a year, they are Star Princess, Sky Princess and Royal Princess, the flagship.

A 15-night cruise, costing £1,395 per person, combines a week's cruise with a week in Orlando with its Walt Disney World attractions.

Royal Princess cruises include one through the Panama Canal to Acapulco. Island Princess and Pacific Princess will spend next spring in the China seas, the south seas and Australia.

The Pacific rim can be explored, including China, with visits to Shanghai and Peking, and Japan, visiting Hiroshima and Tokyo. One cruise takes in the Hawaiian islands, French Polynesia and Tahiti. Other cruises take in New Zealand and Australia.

The other two Princess ships, Fair and Dawn, are scheduled for cruises to Alaska and Mexico. Pacific Princess also cruises to the Amazon and Rio de Janeiro, while Royal Princess has autumn trips to Canada and New England.

Sea in his blood

The captain of the Regal Princess is Cesare Ditel, above, an Italian born into a seafaring family who has had nearly 30 years' experience of cruise ships. The Regal Princess, built in Italy, sails under the Italian flag and is crewed mainly by Italians and Portuguese. A British staff deals more directly with passengers, such as in the purser's office and at the bars. Captain Ditel grew up on the island of Elba and started maritime studies in 1953 at a nautical school in Livorno, Italy, graduating in 1958. He joined the Italian naval academy and served in the navy until *1961. The captain, who is aged 52,* has taken the helm of the Regal Princess after serving as relief captain on two ships of the Princess fleet, the Star and the Crown, the latter being Regal's sister ship.

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A market with great depth

North America is by far the biggest cruise market, accounting for about 3.7 million of the world's 4.5 million passengers.

The Caribbean is the single most favoured area with its almost guaranteed sun and myriad islands, although Alaska's glaciers and snowscapes are becoming increasingly popular. Alaska, particularly, benefited from the switch of cruising from the Mediterranean during the Gulf war.

Alaska and the Mediterranean each have about the same market size. Australia and the Pacific rim are seen as developing areas.

The biggest of the cruise companies is America's Carnival Cruise Lines, which has been particularly successful in developing the young end of the market. Its acquisition in 1988 of the Holland America line strengthened its presence in the traditional market.

Carnival is thought to have more than 15 per cent of the cruise passenger market in the United States, with Britain's P&O and the US-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Line vying for second place. P&O claims to lead the luxury market. In addition to its Princess fleet, which mostly services the Caribbean, it owns the liner Canberra and the Swan Hellenic line, which specialises in archaeological and cultural cruises along the Nile and in the Mediterranean and the Aegean.

The Caribbean is the leading cruise area, but Alaskan snowscapes are rising in the popularity charts

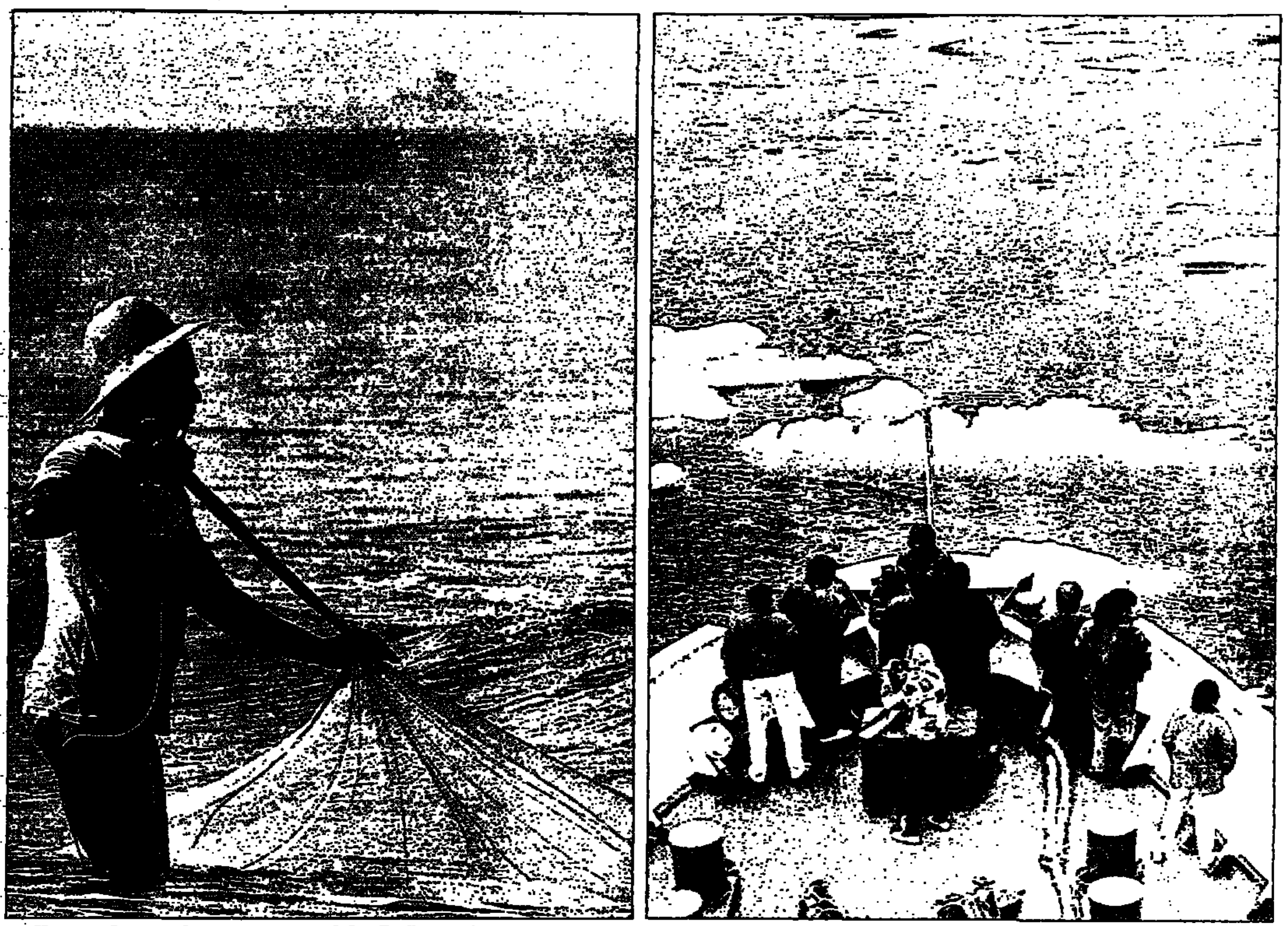
Britain's other main contender in the north American cruise market is Cunard, which has several ships, as well as the QE2, all aimed at the premium end of the market. Norway's Kloster Cruises is another leading line in the north American market, deploying half a dozen ships in the Caribbean.

Industry leaders such as these are widening the appeal of cruising. Berth capacity is about 99,000 compared with 41,000 in 1981, according to Mintel, the market researchers. Last year alone, Mintel estimates, the industry grew by 15 per cent.

Mintel expects that new ships on order will push the number of berths available to 101,000 next year, and adds: "It seems unlikely that this level of growth can be maintained, although long-term growth seems assured."

Tim Harris, the chairman of P&O Cruises, says the ordering of new ships has slowed as construction costs have risen. However, cruising seems almost tailormade for the Japanese, with their love of travelling in groups, and Mr Harris forecasts that if they take to it, growth for the industry could be "amazing".

He sees potential, too, on the Continent. The German market is about the same size as Britain's, and the French are becoming increasingly interested.


Change of scene: the warm waters of the Caribbean (left) are a popular destination, but the ice floes of the Arctic (right) are a growing attraction

Fighting back from Gulf war

The City was impressed by the resilience shown by P&O to the effects of the war

"OUR containers and bulk shipping side help people to make money while the passenger operations show them how to spend it," says Lord Sterling of Plaistow, the chairman of P&O, of his company's shipping operations, which account for more than a third of the group's turnover.

Cruising is the biggest part of P&O's passenger shipping operations, which include P&O European Ferries, the largest Channel ferry operator, and North Sea Ferries.

Lord Sterling says cruising will remain an "important division", and believes this is appropriate considering that from the middle of the last century The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company has been closely associated with the development of passenger liners.

In the last full year, passenger shipping accounted for almost 20 per cent of group turnover, with container and bulk shipping adding another 17 per cent. While container and bulk contributed 16 per cent of operating profits, the passenger side produced 34 per cent at £131.7 million.

City analysts and other estimates suggest that cruising operating profits are running at £75 million to £85 million.

Lord Sterling, in his annual report last March, warned that the effects of the Gulf war were likely to reduce profits by US$50 million (about £36 million) in 1991.

However, Crown Princess, in its first year, fulfilled the company's expectations, a good sign for the contribution likely to come from the Regal Princess, which starts commercial operations in the Caribbean tomorrow.

Ian Wild, the transport analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Research, had been looking for about £125 million profits from P&O's passenger shipping this year, but has been impressed at how resilient the industry has proved against the effects of the Gulf war. "I would not be surprised if results are not far out compared with the last full year."

Lord Sterling says that short-term, the cruising industry has been hit by the Gulf effects. "In the context of the time it was understandable that there was discounting in the Caribbean, but had we all known how it would turn out, probably a lot of the discounting would not have happened. The profit margins will come back," he says.

Afloat on a holiday idyll

Romance and the sea go hand in hand

THE heyday of the cruise ship was in the 1930s. In the early years of that impoverished decade more than 200 cruises a year left British ports, helping their passengers to escape the Depression.

The idea was by no means new. Thackeray had described a Mediterranean cruise in 1844; Mark Twain wrote about another 20 years later. And in 1922 the first round-the-world tour, on the Laconia, was organised by American Express. Since then millions of people have relished the combination of fresh air and the sense of adventure and romance conjured up by ocean voyages. As Tim Harris, the chairman of P&O Cruises, puts it: "There is a high level of satisfaction. Once people have cruised they want to go again. You unpack only once, and it is an all-inclusive price. You travel at night and the scenery is brought to you. There is excitement and it is a safe adventure."

Some seasoned armchair mariners add their reasons. Patrick Dillon, a retired press relations executive aged 70, had always loved the sea but it was only after his wife, Irene, died two years ago that he went on his first cruise.

"For anybody on their own cruising is ideal," he says. "You finish up with plenty of friends. Mind you, I went to a singles bar one evening and found there were 20 women to only three men." A little to his surprise, he has found himself taking part in many on-board events, such as talent contests. Once he was the stand-up comic — "but then I've done a lot of public speaking".

Over-dosing on food and drink on a cruise has not become a problem. "The food was sheer delight but I did not find I was over-eating, simply eating better." As for drink, he says: "I know when I have had enough," adding the inevitable punchline: "I fall over." Sunni Seymour, aged 82 and recently widowed, has lost count of the number of cruises she has taken, and she is not finished yet.

'Dolphins seem to follow a film script'

"My late husband was none too keen on America, so in September I shall be sailing into New York for the first time," she says. She would like to explore the Amazon but is worried about the air travel involved.

"More than anything," she says, "I enjoy life on board — and there is something about the warm waters of the Caribbean and watching the glittering diamonds that are the flying fish, with the dolphins playing as if they were following a film script."

The cruises, she says, are her one extravagance: the rest of the year she lives very simply in Essex. Others, of course, go for the night life, the gambling, the parties, the music, and the dressing up. Yet others go simply to explore: some things have not changed since the 1840s.

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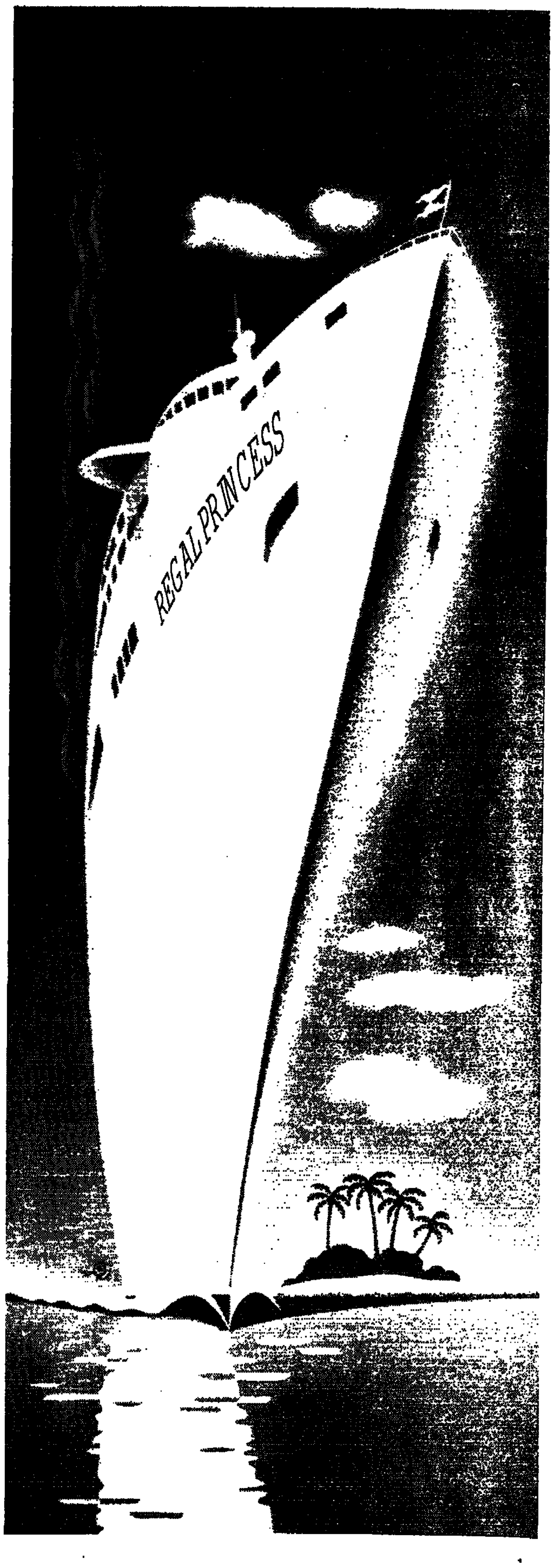

PRINCESS CRUISES

The Times continues the countdown to the football season which starts tomorrow

A long haul faces clubs stricken by fear of failure

By STUART JONES
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GRAHAM Taylor, the England manager, wishes we could go back to the days when the season started in September and ended in April. "I know that we won't, but I wish that we could," he said a few weeks ago.

He will not be present for the opening of the season, anyway. He has gone to where he trusts it will close: in Sweden, where he is inspecting the facilities that will be required should his squad fulfil expectations and qualify for the European championship finals in June.

His chosen men will be in less than ideal shape. Some of them endured the ill-conceived tour of the South Pacific two months ago and had scarcely put up their aching feet before they were obliged by their employers to report for training.

A streamlined Premier League, the advent of which provoked startled Football League officials to fill the summer with wastefully unproductive discussions, is therefore essential. The sooner the antiquated structure is refined the better, and not merely for the clubs that stand to collect the richest rewards.

To cling on to the notion that all 93 clubs should necessarily continue to exist as professional outfits, for instance, is to protect outdated tradition. Semi-professionals earn at least as much as, if not more than, the full-time employees in the fourth and even third divisions.

Whereas the smaller clubs are about to renew their familiar struggle for financial viability, an annual fight that they win only by the narrowest margins, traditional spice has been sprinkled across the top two divisions. They are competing for inclusion in the proposed Premier League.

The first division should be reduced next season from the present ludicrous size of 22, the biggest field in Europe, to no more than 20. Ideally, it should be 18. Then strength and stamina would not be the principal assets required for the inordinately prolonged race.

It was significant that within the last ten days the managers of both of the favourites, Arsenal and Liverpool, should agree with Taylor and bemoan the length of the programme. "The public wants to see better football," Graeme Souness, of Liverpool, said, "not more of it. They don't want to watch tired players in games which don't mean much."

George Graham was no less adamant. "It does not take a genius to work out that we have too many fixtures," he said. "Foreign coaches think that our system is crazy."

Even David Dent, the secretary of the League, regrets the decision, taken by his own misguided management committee and based on undisguised avarice, to enlarge the schedule. The regressive step will suit powerful and industrious labourers, a breed that is becoming increasingly evident.

Each club's fate will, as usual, be determined by injuries. Liverpool, who might have retained the title had they not lost McMahon and Whelan for the final few months, are suffering even before they begin. Four members of their squad are in plaster and their leading scorer, Rush, will not be available until October.

In spite of the arrival of Saunders and Wright, they are unlikely, initially, to be as irresistible as a year ago. In Souness's opinion, they were "the best side in the country by the length of Oxford Street" before Kenny Dalglish resigned in February.

The attack, featuring Barnes and Walters, will be particularly frightening when they are at full strength. By then Arsenal, comparatively fit and unchanged, promise to be at the end of affairs that both Graham and Souness predict will be more open than for many years.

There are no surprises in their lists of potential dangers. They pick Manchester United, the holders of the European Cup Winners' Cup, who should be able to sustain a challenge, Everton, since they have been reshaped by Howard Kendall, Leeds United, the most ambitious of the outsiders, and Nottingham Forest, who have spent unusually heavily.

Tottenham Hotspur, having bought in Gordon Durie an ally for Lineker at the last minute, may also be realistic contenders in spite of the absence of Gascoigne. Like Arsenal, Liverpool and United, they will also be involved in Europe. Will that act as a distraction or a spur?

The fear of failure is so widespread that even Souness, in his attempt to emulate his predecessors, admits that he feels it. It promises to be more acute at Coventry City, as well as at two of the newcomers, Notts County and West Ham United.

Nor can Luton Town, in particular, be optimistic about their prospects. Visiting supporters will be readmitted to Kenilworth Road, and more importantly, the fixtures there and at Oldham Athletic will be staged on grass rather than on the dreaded plastic. At least, one progressive move has been taken.

Halfway through the arduous campaign the domestic game will be in need of a lift, and England can provide it. So can Scotland and Wales, by earning the right to be included in the European championship draw to be held in Gothenburg on January 17.

Saunders: a costly arrival who could give Liverpool a frighteningly powerful attack

Cash and talent could decide promotion race

Louise Taylor looks at the second division

THE answers to three questions could help identify which three teams will be promoted from the second division this season. Can Blackburn Rovers buy success? Are Ossie Ardiles's precocious teenagers capable of swaggering to the title? And is there life after Sheringham for Millwall?

Jack Walker, a Lancashire steel magnate, is prepared to pour millions into Rovers. But, thus far, players have shown a reluctance to join them.

Don Mackay, the manager, said: "Having money brings its own pressures. I just hope it will not prove to be a rod for my back." That said, Agnew, bought from Barnsley, is a player who makes things happen in midfield.

Arguably the most interesting team is Newcastle United. The installation of Ardiles as manager precipitated a startling transformation into a slick and stylish passing unit, built around teenagers such as Clark and Watson, who brimmed over with promise last spring.

Ardiles insists "if you are good enough, you are old enough", yet a long, hard season lies ahead, and even the most talented teenagers are vulnerable to intangibles, such as loss of confidence.

Bruce Rioch could never be accused of lacking confidence, but even the positive Millwall manager said: "It is not easy to replace a 38-goal-a-season player like Sheringham. It will be a different Millwall this season."

One of the game's brightest tacticians, Rioch's teams are always worth watching, but his cause is hampered by the fact that, of the £2 million from Sheringham's sale to Nottingham Forest, he has only been allowed to reinvest just over £1 million. That said, Cooper, Colquhoun and Bogie all appear good buys. Goodman and Rae have potential to fulfil, and involvement in the promotion race cannot be discounted.

Millwall could do with an incisive midfield presence like Owers, of Sunderland. Rioch cited the youngster as "an individual who could do very well". As for Denis Smith's side, he said: "If I was a betting man, I would put my money on Sunderland to go straight back up."

There should be no excuses for a failure to do just that at Roker Park. In Owers, Norman and Marco Gabbiadini, Sunderland possess individuals as good as any in the division, while the likes of Atkinson and Brady could be equally well known next spring.

Smith has been helped by the resolution of a long-running legal boardroom dispute, and now has funds available that would be well directed towards the purchase of a left back and a central defender.

"We have got a considerably better side than that which went up two years ago, so I am very confident of finishing in the top two," he said. "So confident that I have arranged my 25th wedding anniversary celebrations to coincide with the play-offs, so we had better not be involved in them."

At the opposite end of the table, Plymouth Argyle and Bristol Rovers could find themselves struggling.

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE

BARNSLEY: Transfers In: J Pearson (Leeds, £135,000); C Bishop (Bury, £50,000); S Davis (Burnley, £180,000); L Butler (Aston Villa, £165,000); G Williams (Aston Villa, £150,000); D Graham (Manchester United, £50,000). Out: C Tiler (Nottingham Forest, £1.4m); S Agnew (Blackburn, £750,000); J Dobbin (Grimsby, £125,000); C Baker (free agent).

BLACKBURN ROVERS: In: S Agnew (Barnsley, £750,000); S Munro (Rangers, £300,000). Out: None.

BRIGHTON: In: G O'Reilly (Crystal Palace, free); D Clarkson (Australia, £5,000). Out: M Small (West Ham, £400,000); S Gatting (Charlton, free).

BRISTOL CITY: In: K Welch (Rochdale, £200,000); G Harrison (Watford, free). Out: R Newman (Norwich, £600,000); C Honour (Airdrie, £20,000).

BRISTOL ROVERS: In: R Evans (Weymouth, £30,000). Out: I Holloway (QPR, £250,000).

CAMBRIDGE UNITED: In: G Caesar (Arsenal, free); J Carstairs (Arsenal, free). Out: M Dobie (Torquay, £10,000).

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: In: G Thompson (Crystal Palace, £100,000); S Gatting (Brighton, free); J Bumstead (Chelsea, free); G Nelson (Brighton, fee to be decided). Out: P Mortimer (Aston Villa, £350,000); M Reid (Celtic, free).

DERBY COUNTY: In: S Coleman (Middlesbrough, £300,000); A Comyn (Aston Villa, £80,000). Out: M Wright (Liverpool, £2.2m); D Saunders (Liverpool, £2.9m).

GRIMSBY TOWN: In: J Dobbin (Barnsley, £125,000); M Jones (Exeter, free); I Baraclough (Leicester, free). Out: None.

IPSWICH TOWN: In: J Wark (Middlesbrough, free). Out: I Redford (St Johnstone, £60,000).

LEICESTER CITY: In: A Ward (Manchester City, £80,000); K Poole (Middlesbrough, £40,000); P Fitzpatrick (Carlisle, free); C Gordon (Birmingham, free); N Platnauer (Notts County, free). Out: M Hodge (Hartlepool, free); A Spearing (Plymouth Argyle, free); R Johnson (Barnet, free).

MIDDLESBROUGH: In: P Wilkinson (Watford, £500,000); W Falconer (Watford, £300,000); I Ironside (Scarborough, £80,000); C Fleming (St Patrick's, £50,000). Out: C Cooper (Millwall, £350,000); S Coleman (Derby, £300,000); I Baird (Hearts, £400,000); K Poole (Leicester, £40,000); T Putney (Watford, £100,000); J Wark (Ipswich, free).

MILLWALL: In: C Cooper (Middlesbrough, £350,000); J Colquhoun (Hearts, £400,000); P Barber (Crystal Palace, £100,000); I Bogie (Preston, tribunal); C Armstrong (Wrexham, £50,000); M Falco (QPR, £175,000). Out: E Sheringham (Nottingham Forest, £2m); K O'Callaghan (Southend, free).

NEWCASTLE UNITED: In: F Carr (Nottingham Forest, £250,000). Out: M McGhee (now manager of Reading); K Dillon (Reading, free).

OXFORD UNITED: In: None. Out: M Foyle (Port Vale, £350,000).

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE: In: S Morris (Merthyr, nominal); A Spearing (Leicester, free); M Scott (Southend, free). Out: None.

PORTSMOUTH: In: None. Out: None.

PORT VALE: In: K Houchen (Hibernian, £100,000); M Foyle (Oxford United, £350,000); N Jalink (Netherlands, £80,000); P Swann (Hull, £300,000). Out: R Earle (Wimbledon, £775,000); D Beckford (Norwich, £925,000).

SOUTHEND UNITED: In: K O'Callaghan (Millwall, free); A Sussex (Crewe, £100,000); M Hall (Tottenham, free). Out: M Ling (Swindon, £15,000); P Clark (Gillingham, free); M Scott (Plymouth, free).

SUNDERLAND: In: None. Out: J Cornforth (Swansea, £25,000).

SWINDON TOWN: In: S Taylor (Exeter, £200,000); D Mitchell (Chelsea, £30,000); M Ling (Southend, £15,000). Out: None.

TRANMERE ROVERS: In: J Aldridge (Real Sociedad, £250,000). Out: None.

WATFORD: In: L Blissett (Bournemouth, £40,000); T Putney (Middlesbrough, £100,000). Out: P Wilkinson (Middlesbrough, £500,000); W Falconer (Middlesbrough, £300,000); G Harrison (Bristol City, free).

WOLVERHAMPTON WAND'RS: In: P Jones (Kidderminster, £40,000). Out: P Stancliffe (York, free).

CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal

Apart from Luton Town, the only club to have resisted the temptation to bring in new blood. Yet it is neither easy, nor perhaps advisable, to change a squad which suffered only one League defeat, at Chelsea, last season. As in 1989, self-satisfaction is their principle enemy. Championship odds: 15-8

1990-1: League: Champions. FA Cup: Semi-final. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round

STAFF: Manager: G Graham. Assistant: S Houston. Goalkeepers: A Miller, D Seaman, J Will. Defenders: A Adams, S Bould, J Charlton, L Dixon, R Faulkner, K Fowler, C Gaunt, M Joseph, A Linighan, C McKernon, S Marshall, S Morrow, D O'Leary, C Pates, K Webster, N Winterburn. Midfield: S Clements, P Davis, M Flatts, D Hillier, S Jonsson, A Limpar, G McKeown, R Parlour, D Rocastle, I Selley, M Thomas. Forwards: J Baxter, K Campbell, A Cole, P Dickov, T Gordon, P Groves, N Heaney, P Merson, P Read, P Shaw, A Smith, D Warden, S Young.

TRANSFERS: In: None. Out: K Ampadu (West Bromwich Albion, £50,000), G Caesar (Cambridge United, free)

Aston Villa

They have undergone such radical alterations, financed wholly by the sale of Platt, that nobody, not even Ron Atkinson, can predict how they will fare. It would be surprising if they are anything but uncertain before Christmas, but they could finish carrying optimistic thoughts for next season. Odds: 50-1

1990-1: League: 17th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Rumbelows Cup: 5th round

STAFF: Manager: R Atkinson. Assistant: A Gray. Goalkeepers: L Sealey, N Spink. Defenders: R Crisp, D Duffy, U Ehiogu, D Kubicki, C Liddle, P McGrath, D Mountfield, K Nelson, C Price, I Stirk, S Staunton, S Teale. Midfield: M Blake, G Cowans, N Cox, K Gage, S Gray, P Mortimer, K Richardson, B Small. Forwards: D Atkinson, N Callaghan, M Carruthers, A Daley, D Jones, I Olney, I Ormondroyd, M Parrott, G Penrice, C Regis, G Williams, D Yorke.

TRANSFERS: In: C Regis (Coventry City, free), D Atkinson (Real Sociedad, £1.6m), S Teale (Bournemouth, £300,000), L Sealey (Manchester United, free), P Mortimer (Charlton Athletic, £350,000), K Richardson (Real Sociedad, £450,000), U Ehiogu (West Bromwich Albion, £40,000), S Staunton (Liverpool, £1.1m), D Kubicki (Legia Warsaw, £200,000). Out: L Butler (Barnsley, £165,000), A Cascarino (Celtic, £1.1m), D Platt (Bari, £5.5m)

Chelsea

Boyd and Elliott have been bought to shore up a porous defence, it let in 69 goals last season. The sale of Dorigo and Durie leaves the new manager, Ian Porterfield, with a squad short of experience. Unless the youngsters develop rapidly, potential will again remain unfulfilled. Odds: 40-1

1990-1: League: 11th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Rumbelows Cup: Semi-final

STAFF: Manager: I Porterfield. Assistant: G Williams. Goalkeepers: D Beasant, R Freestone, K Hitchcock, J Winters. Defenders: D Barnard, T Boyd, S Clarke, J Cundy, P Elliott, G Hall, E Johnsen, D Lee, K Monkou, F Sinclair. Midfield: C Burley, A Dickens, G Le Saux, D Matthew, A Townsend. Forwards: J Allon, K Dixon, D Mitchell, E Newton, G Stuart, K Wilson, D Wise.

TRANSFERS: In: T Boyd (Motherwell, £900,000); P Elliott (Celtic, £1.4m), J Allon (Hartlepool, tribunal). Out: J Bumstead (Charlton Athletic, free), A Dorigo (Leeds, £1.3m), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur, £2.2m), D Mitchell (Swindon, £30,000), K McAllister (Falkirk, £325,000)

Coventry City

Terry Butcher took over from John Sillett as manager last November, when they were sixteenth. Since they finished in the same place, the change of leadership made no difference to fortunes. Their prolonged struggle for survival seems likely to continue, and with no certainty this time that it will ultimately be successful. Odds: 150-1.

1990-1: League: 16th. FA Cup: 4th round. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round

STAFF: Manager: T Butcher. Assistant: M Mills. Goalkeeper: S Ogrizovic. Defenders: P Atherton, P Billing, M Booty, B Borrows, T Butcher, P Edwards, A French, C Greenham, L Hurst, T Peake, A Pearce, K Sansom, D Titterton. Midfield: J Bickley, H Clark, D Emerson, M Gynn, L McGrath, C Middleton, S Robson, K Wilson, R Woods. Forwards: W Button, K Drinkell, T Fleming, P Furlong, K Gallacher, P Ndlovu, R Rosario, D Smith.

TRANSFERS: In: P Atherton (Wigan Athletic, £400,000); S Robson (West Ham United, free); P Furlong (Enfield, £100,000); P Ndlovu (Highlanders, Zimbabwe, £10,000). Out: T Clarke (Huddersfield, £15,000); B Kilcline (Oldham Athletic, £400,000); C Regis (Aston Villa, free).

Crystal Palace

They stayed in the championship race longer than anyone could foresee last season and, with several new members of the England squad in the line-up, expectations will naturally be higher. They will probably fall short of them, if only because they are unlikely again to remain largely free from injury. Odds: 33-1.

1990-1: League: 3rd. FA Cup: 3rd round. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round. ZDS Cup: Winners

STAFF: Manager: S Coppell. Assistant: A Smith. Goalkeepers: N Martyn, P Suckling, A Woodman. Defenders: P Bodin, C Coleman, R Hedman, J Hopkins, J Humphrey, S Rodger, L Sinnott, R Shaw, G Southgate, A Thorn, A Witter, E Young. Midfield: A Gray, R Newman, S Osborn, A Pardew, G Thomas. Forwards: M Bright, S Collymore, E McGoldrick, J Moralee, J Salako, D Whyte, I Wright.

TRANSFERS: In: C Coleman (Swansea, £275,000), L Sinnott (Bradford, £350,000). Out: P Barber (Millwall, £100,000), G O'Reilly (Brighton, free), G Thompson (Charlton Athletic, £100,000)

Everton

Beardsley represents the best value in the summer's transfer market. He will prompt a notably quick and versatile front line, and if Warzycha plays an equally unselfish role, Cottee is sure to benefit. Harper may be required to ease the reservations about the reliability of their central defenders. Odds: 18-1

1990-1: League: 9th. FA Cup: 6th round. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round. ZDS Cup: Runners-up.

STAFF: Manager: H Kendall. Assistant: C Harvey. Goalkeepers: J Kearton, G Peyton, N Southall. Defenders: R Atteveld, A Harper, A Hinchcliffe, M Keown, N McDonald, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, E Youds. Midfield: S Barlow, J Ebbrell, S McCall, P Nevin, K Sheedy, I Snodin, M Ward, R Warzycha. Forwards: P Beagrie, P Beardsley, A Cottee, M Newell, P Quinlan.

TRANSFERS: In: P Beardsley (Liverpool, £1m), A Harper and M Ward (both Manchester City, £1.3m), G Peyton (Bournemouth, £80,000). Out: M Milligan (Oldham Athletic, £600,000), G Sharp (Oldham Athletic, £500,000), N Whiteside (retired)

Leeds United

The squad that finished fourth has been extravagantly extended and should pose an even greater threat. The strength of the challenge will depend on how quickly Howard Wilkinson establishes the right blend, but, as tomorrow's game at Crystal Palace has been postponed, they are assured of a slow start. Odds: 10-1

1990-1: League: 4th. FA Cup: 4th round. Rumbelows Cup: Semi-final

STAFF: Manager: H Wilkinson. Assistant: M Hennigan. Goalkeepers: M Day, N Edwards, J Lukic, A O'Dowd. Defenders: A Dorigo, C Fairclough, P Haddock, J McClelland, J Newsome, M Sterland, M Whitlow, C Whyte, Ray Wallace, D Wetherall. Midfield: D Batty, S Grayson, S Hodge, C Kamara, D Kerr, G McAllister, G Snodin, G Speed, G Strachan, A Williams. Forwards: L Chapman, B Davison, G Kelly, C Shutt, Rod Wallace.

TRANSFERS: In: A Dorigo (Chelsea, £1.3m); S Hodge (Nottingham Forest, £900,000); J Newsome (Sheffield Wednesday, £275,000), Ray Wallace (Southampton, £100,000); Rod Wallace (Southampton, £1.6m). Out: J Pearson (Barnsley, £135,000)

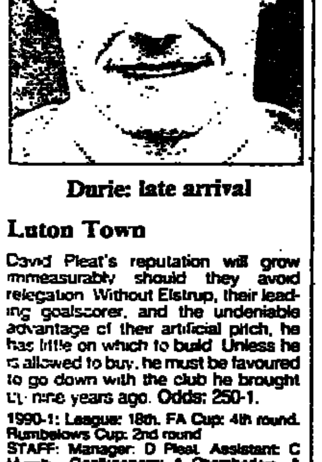
Liverpool

Graeme Souness accepted the manager's job only if money was readily available. His employers will now expect a rich return on his huge expenses. The Uefa Cup, or a place in the competition next year, would scarcely be regarded as wholly satisfactory after a season of uncharacteristic failure. Odds: 13-8.

1990-1: League: 2nd. FA Cup: 5th round. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round.

STAFF: Manager: G Souness. Assistant: R Moran. Goalkeepers: B Grobbelaar, M Hooper. Defenders: G Ablett, D Burrows, D Collins, S Hollins, G Hysen, B Jones, S Nicol, N Tanner, B Venison, M Wright. Midfield: J Barnes, W Godfrey, S Harkness, R Houghton, D Hutchison, M Kenny, K Lampkin, M Marsh, S McMahon, J Molby, J Redknapp, J Robinson, R Whelan. Forwards: J Carter, A Cousins, S McManaman, R Rosenthal, I Rush, D Saunders, D Speedie, M Walters.

TRANSFERS: In: D Saunders (Derby County, £2.9m), M Wright (Derby County, £2.2m); M Walters (Rangers, £1.2m). Out: P Beardsley (Everton, £1m); S Staunton (Aston Villa, £1.1m); G Gillespie (Celtic, £925,000)



Durie: late arrival

Luton Town

David Pleat's reputation will grow immeasurably should they avoid relegation. Without Elstrup, their leading goalscorer, and the undeniable advantage of their artificial pitch, he has little on which to build. Unless he is allowed to buy, he must be favoured to go down with the club he brought up nine years ago. Odds: 250-1.

1990-1: League: 18th. FA Cup: 4th round. Rumbelows Cup: 2nd round

STAFF: Manager: D Pleat. Assistant: C Murphy. Goalkeepers: A Chamberlain, A Petterson. Defenders: T Allpress, D Beaumont, J Campbell, J Dreyer, K Gillard, R Harvey, M Jackson, J James, G Rodger, D Salton, K Shanley. Midfield: P Holsgrove, D McDonough, D Preece, C Hughes, M Pembridge, J Rees, P Telfer. Forwards: K Black, S Farrell, D Gormley, K Nogan, M O'Brien, B Stein, A Tighe

TRANSFERS: In: B Stein (Caen, free). Out: L Elstrup (OB Odense, £250,000); P Gray (Wigan Athletic, undisclosed fee)

Manchester City

They have invested heavily in Curle, an outstanding prospect, but there is little vision in their creative department. They will invariably look towards Quinn's lofty peak, but, without the precise crosses of Ward and the versatility of Harper, they are unlikely to finish as high as their status, fifth, last season. Odds: 33-1.

1990-1: League: 5th. FA Cup: 5th round. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round.

STAFF: Manager: P Reid. Assistant: S Ellis. Goalkeepers: A Coton, A Dibble, M Margetson. Defenders: D Brightwell, I Brightwell, K Curle, C Hendry, A Hill, M Peters, N Pointon, S Redmond. Midfield: J Beckford, M Brennan, G Flitcroft, M Hughes, P Kelly, P Lake, G Megson, M Quigley, P Reid, G Stiney, M Wallace. Forwards: C Allen, W Clarke, A Heath, N Quinn, M Sheron, D White

TRANSFERS: In: K Curle (Wimbledon, £2.5m). Out: A Ward (Leicester City, £80,000), D Wilson (Bury, undisclosed fee); M Ward, A Harper (both Everton, £1.3m).

Manchester United

An already sound defence has been reinforced by the arrival of Schmeichel, the Danish goalkeeper, and especially Parker. Will they remain as capable of losing to the bottom club at home as they are of beating the leaders away? Consistency is all they require to lift the ever-increasing weight of expectancy. Odds: 8-1.

1990-1: League: 6th. FA Cup: 5th round. Rumbelows Cup: Runners-up. European Cup Winners' Cup: Winners.

STAFF: Manager: A Ferguson. Coaches: P Robson, J Ryan. Goalkeepers: J Leighton, P Schmeichel, G Walsh, I Wilkinson. Defenders: C Blackmore, D Brazil, S Bruce, B Carey, M Donaghy, D Irwin, J Lydiate, L Martin, S McAuley, P Parker, G Pallister, N Whitworth. Midfield: R Beardsmore, D Ferguson, M Gordon, P Ince, C Lawton, M Phelan, B Robson, L Sharpe, P Sixsmith, P Smyth, K Toal, N Webb, P Wratten. Forwards: A Doherty, R Giggs, D Graham, M Hughes, A Kanchelskis, G Maiorana, B McClair, M Robins.

TRANSFERS: In: P Parker (QPR, £1.75m); P Schmeichel (Brondby, £750,000). Out: M Bosnich; M Pollitt (Bury, undisclosed fee); L Sealey (Aston Villa, free).

Norwich City

The prolific Beckford has yet to prove his worth in the highest company, but he will surely enhance an attack which was one of the weakest in the division last season. Newman, a constructive central defender, will maintain the admirable standard of all-round skill usually associated with Dave Stringer's side. Odds: 150-1.

1990-1: League: 15th. FA Cup: 6th round. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round.

STAFF: Manager: D Stringer. Assistant: D Williams. Goalkeepers: B Gunn, M Walton. Defenders: P Blades, M Bowen, I Butterworth, I Culverhouse, R Newman, A Pennock, J Polston, R Ullathorne. Midfield: S Ball, I Crook, D Gordon, J Goss, J Minnett, D Phillips, T Sherwood, D Smith. Forwards: D Beckford, R Fleck, R Fox, H Mortensen, L Power, C Sutton.

TRANSFERS: In: R Newman (Bristol City, £600,000); D Beckford (Port Vale, £925,000). Out: None.

Nottingham Forest

If Sheringham repays even half of a fee which seems especially inflated, the challenge could be stronger than for the last decade. If they sell the excellent Walker, an irreplaceable member of their powerful back four, hopes of climbing higher than the edge of contention could go with him. Odds: 18-1

1990-1: League: 8th. FA Cup: Runners-up. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round.

STAFF: Manager: B Clough. Assistant: R Fenton. Goalkeepers: M Crossley, L Hawkes, A Marriott, M Smith, S Sutton. Defenders: C Boardman, G Bowyer, R Byrne, G Charles, S Chettle, P Gilchrist, C Hope, B Laws, B Noble, S Pearce, C Tiler, D Walker, B Williams. Midfield: S Cash, S Gemmill, S Howe, R Keane, I Kilford, A Loughlan, A Mahood, T Orlygsson, G Parker, B Rice, M Smith, S Syone, T Wilson, I Woan, L Yates. Forwards: D Barry, S Bell, N Clough, G Crosby, M Fancutt, T Gaynor, L Glover, N Jemson, D Pearce, E Sheringham, P Starbuck.

TRANSFERS: In: C Tiler (Barnsley, £1.4m); E Sheringham (Millwall, £2m). Out: S Hodge (Leeds United, £900,000); F Carr (Newcastle United, £250,000); N Lyne (Shrewsbury, nominal fee); B Rice (Falkirk, £65,000).

Notts County

Obvious candidates for relegation. Though they responded last season to big occasions, such as their FA Cup ties against Manchester City and Tottenham Hotspur, as well as the play-offs, they would appear to have neither the individual nor the collective talent to be able to sustain the required level of performance. Odds: 150-1

1990-1: League: 4th in second division, promoted via play-offs. FA Cup: 6th round. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round

STAFF: Manager: N Warnock. Assistant: M Jones. Goalkeepers: K Blackwell, S Cherry. Defenders: P Cox, R Dryden, D O'Riordan, C Palmer, A Paris, Christian Short, Craig Short, A Thompson, D Yates. Midfield: S Aldridge, M Draper, P Harding, D Thomas, P Turner, R Walker. Forwards: K Bartlett, C Chapman, C Finch, T Johnson, G Lund, D Regis

TRANSFERS: In: R Dryden (Exeter City, £250,000). Out: D Norton (Hull City, £100,000); N Platnauer (Leicester City, free)

Oldham Athletic

The credentials for their return to the first division for the first time since 1923 were built principally on false grounds. Formidable on their own artificial surface, they could be vulnerable on their newly-sewn grass. Joe Royle has nevertheless acquired the necessary experience to prevent the transition from being too unnerving an experience. Odds: 80-1.

1990-1: Second division champions. FA Cup: 4th round. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round.

STAFF: Manager: J Royle. Coaches: B Urmson, W Donachie. Goalkeepers: P Gerrard, J Hallworth, J Keeley. Defenders: A Barlow, E Barrett, W Donachie, G Halle, W Heseltine, A Holden, R Jobson, B Kilcline, R Miller. Midfield: P Bernard, M Fillery, N Henry, P Kane, C Makin, M Milligan, N Redfearn, I Thornstone, G Wilson. Fowards: N Adams, F Bunn, D Currie, R Holden, A Kenton, P Mo.'dden, R Palmer, A Ritchie, G Sharp.

TRANSFERS: In: M Milligan (Everton, £600,000); G Sharp (Everton, £500,000); B Kilcline (Coventry, £400,000). Out: P Warhurst (Sheffield Wednesday, £750,000).

Queen's Park Rangers

Led by Gerry Francis off the pitch and Ray Wilkins on it, they are sure to be constructive. Yet they need to avoid injuries, which almost caused their downfall last season, if they are to flourish, especially as the dependable Parker is no longer there to cover the holes at the back. Odds: 80-1.

1990-1: League: 12th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round. ZDS Cup: 1st round.

STAFF: Manager: G Francis. Coach: F Sibley. Goalkeepers: J Caldwell, A Roberts, J Stejskal. Defenders: D Bardsley, R Brevett, J Channing, R Herrera, B Law, D Maddix, A McCarthy, A McDonald, D Peacock, K Ready, A Tillson, P Vowles. Midfield: S Barker, M Doyle, I Holloway, D McEnroe, M Rutherford, A Sinton, R Wilkins, C Wilson. Forwards: B Allen, D Bailey, L Ferdinand, D Iorfa, A Impey, M Meaker, R Wegerle.

TRANSFERS: In: I Holloway (Bristol Rovers, £250,000); D Bailey (Birmingham, £175,000). Out: P Parker (Manchester United, £1.7m); M Falco (Millwall, £175,000).

Sheffield United

They resemble the Wimbledon of old and could yet emulate the unlikely feats of Dave Bassett's former club. They lost only three of their closing 15 fixtures last season and few opponents will relish competing against the most direct team in the division. But no purist will enjoy watching them. Odds: 125-1.

1990-1: League: 13th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Rumbelows Cup: 4th round.

STAFF: Manager: D Bassett. Assistant: G Taylor. Goalkeepers: P Kite, S Tracey. Defenders: D Barnes, P Beesley, T Cowan, C Hill, M Lake, M McIntosh, J Pemberton, C Wilder. Midfield: R Booker, I Bryson, J Gannon, J Hoyland, V Jones, B Marwood, M Todd. Forwards: A Agana, C Bradshaw, B Deane, G Hodges, C Mendonca, N Peel.

TRANSFERS: In: T Cowan (Rangers, £35,000); C Mendonca (Rotherham United, £110,000); N Peel (Preston, £50,000). Out: M Morris (Bournemouth, £110,000)

Sheffield Wednesday

The controversial departure of Ron Atkinson may cast a long shadow over the opening weeks, but Trevor Francis has inherited the strongest of the promoted clubs. Woods will steady them at the back and Hirst, with the assistance of Sheridan, could lead them to the top half of the table. Odds: 66-1.

1990-1: League: 3rd in second division. FA Cup: 5th round. Rumbelows Cup: Winners.

STAFF: Manager: T Francis. Assistant: R Barker. Goalkeepers: M Beresford, L Key, K Pressman, C Turner, C Woods. Defenders: V Anderson, S Cam, P King, S McCall, R Nilsson, N Pearson, P Shirtliff, D Wood, N Worthington, P Warhurst. Midfield: J Harkes, G Hyde, S Mackenzie, C Palmer, J Sheridan, S Sowden, M Taylor, D Wilson. Forwards: T Francis, D Hirst, D Johnson, M Williams, P Williams, G Watson.

TRANSFERS: In: P Warhurst (Oldham Athletic, £275,000), C Woods (Rangers, £1.2m). Out: L Madden (Wolverhampton Wanderers, free); D Wetherall and J Newsome (both Leeds United, £275,000).

Southampton

In spite of the sale of Rodney Wallace, they are armed with the penetrative Le Tissier and the prolific Shearer. Behind an unpredictable but potentially productive attack, though, lies a defence which promises to be pierced too often for the comfort of Ian Branfoot during his first season in charge. Odds: 100-1.

1990-1: League: 14th. FA Cup: 5th round. Rumbelows Cup: 5th round.

STAFF: Manager: I Branfoot. Assistant: J Mortimer. Goalkeepers: I Andrews, T Flowers. Defenders: M Adams, F Benali, M Bound, A Cherednik, A Cook, S Davis, J Dodd, J Gittens, R Hall, J Kenna, K Moore, R Osman, N Ruddock. Midfield: G Cockerill, B Horne, D Hughes, A McLoughlin, N Maddison, S Roast, P Tisdale, T Widdrington. Forwards: N Banger, S Gotsmanov, M Le Tissier, P Moody, L Powell, P Rideout, A Shearer.

TRANSFERS: In: P Moody (Waterlooville, £50,000). Out: J Case (Bournemouth, free); Ray Wallace (Leeds United, £100,000); Rod Wallace (Leeds United, £1.6m).

Tottenham Hotspur

Although they will inevitably be less colourful without Gascoigne, they could be more secure. The belated arrival of Durie will relieve Lineker, who would otherwise have been acting alone up front, but the service they receive may not be imaginative enough for them to strike up a consistently dangerous partnership. Odds: 22-1.

1990-1: League: 10th. FA Cup: Winners. Rumbelows Cup: 5th round.

STAFF: Manager: P Shreeves. Coach: D Livermore. Goalkeepers: R Clemence, K Dearden, E Thorstvedt, I Walker. Defenders: G Bergsson, J Edinburgh, I Hendon, J Hendry, T Fenwick, G Mabbutt, D McDonald, A Polston, S Sedgley, N Smith, B Statham, D Tuttle, P van den Hauwe. Midfield: P Allen, M Edwards, P Garland, P Gascoigne, S Houghton, D Howells, J Moncur, Nayim, V Samways, K Smith, P Stewart. Forwards: I Gizzen, P Gray, P Moran, M Robson, P Walsh, G Lineker, G Durie.

TRANSFERS: In: G Durie (Chelsea, £2.2m). Out: P Gascoigne (Lazio, £5.5m, delayed one year); M Thomas (West Ham United, £500,000).

West Ham United

The Academy is no longer filled with artists. Artisans, such as the rugged Thomas, have ominously been brought in and, although Slater will provide velvet touches, they promise to compete with an iron fist. The uncompromising attitude may still not be sufficient to protect them from an immediate return to the second division. Odds: 50-1.

1990-1: League: 2nd in second division. FA Cup: Semi-final. Rumbelows Cup: 3rd round.

STAFF: Manager: W Bonds. Assistant: T Carr. Goalkeepers: S Banks, L Miklosko. Defenders: T Breacker, J Dicks, C Foster, A Gale, C Hughton, A Martin, S Potts, M Thomas. Midfield: M Allen, I Bishop, K Keen, S Livett, G Parris. Forwards: S Clarke, M Dean, I Dowie, F McAvennie, T Morley, J Quinn, L Rosenior, M Rush, S Slater, M Small.

TRANSFERS: In: M Thomas (Tottenham, £500,000); M Small (Brighton, £400,000); M Dean (Fisher Athletic, £20,000). Out: None.

Wimbledon

The end of the fairy-tale? Without their best defender, Curle, their coach, Don Howe, and their most intimidating asset, Plough Lane, the prospects of survival for the temporary tenants at Selhurst Park have never been as dim since they arrived so unexpectedly in the first division five years ago. Odds: 100-1.

1990-1: League: 7th. FA Cup: 4th round. Rumbelows Cup: 2nd round.

STAFF: Manager: R Harford. Goalkeepers: H Segers, N Sullivan. Defenders: W Barton, D Blackwell, G Elkins, S Fitzgerald, R Joseph, B McAllister, T Phelan, J Scales. Midfield: S Anthrobus, G Dobbs, C Fairweather, Z Kruszynski, V Ryan, L Sanchez. Forwards: M Bennett, A Clarke, A Cork, S Cotterill, R Earle, J Fashanu, T Gibson, P McGee, P Miller, A Newhouse.

TRANSFERS: In: R Earle (Port Vale, £775,000). Out: K Curle (Manchester City, £2.5m).

☐ Odds supplied by Coral

Transfer spiral soars to a record height

BRITISH clubs have spent more than £50 million in a record summer of transfer activity. The previous highest close-season turnover was £39 million two years ago. Twenty transfers of £1 million or more have been made with the two highest, those of David Platt to Bari and Paul Gascoigne to Lazio, at £5.5 million.

The record fee between British clubs has been broken by the £2.9 million move of Dean Saunders, the Welsh international forward, from Derby County to Liverpool. The highest fee for a defender has also been raised by the £2.5 million transfer of Keith Curle from Wimbledon to Manchester City. These two records were previously held by Gary Pallister, whose move from Middlesbrough to Manchester United in 1989 cost £2.3 million.

Only one first division club has not bought a player since the end of last season — Arsenal, the champions.

LEADING SUMMER TRANSFERS

Player	From	To	Fee
D Platt	A Villa	Bari	£5,500,000
P Gascoigne	Tottenham	Lazio	£5,500,000
D Saunders	Derby	Liverpool	£2,900,000
K Curle	Wimbledon	Man City	£2,500,000
G Durie	Chelsea	Tottenham	£2,200,000
M Wright	Derby	Liverpool	£2,200,000
A Mikhailichenko	Sampdoria	Rangers	£2,000,000
E Sheringham	Millwall	Nottm For	£2,000,000
P Parker	QPR	Man Utd	£1,750,000
Rod Wallace	Southampton	Leeds	£1,600,000
D Atkinson	Sociedad	A Villa	£1,600,000
C Tiler	Barnsley	Nottm For	£1,400,000
P Elliott	Celtic	Chelsea	£1,400,000
A Dorigo	Chelsea	Leeds	£1,300,000
M Walters	Rangers	Liverpool	£1,200,000
C Woods	Rangers	Sheff Wed	£1,200,000
S Staunton	Liverpool	A Villa	£1,100,000
A Goram	Hibernian	Rangers	£1,000,000
A Cascarino	A Villa	Celtic	£1,000,000
P Beardsley	Liverpool	Everton	£1,000,000
D Beckford	Port Vale	Norwich	£925,000
G Gillespie	Liverpool	Celtic	£925,000
M Ward	Man City	Everton	£900,000
S Hodge	Nottm For	Leeds	£900,000
T Boyd	Motherwell	Chelsea	£800,000
R Earle	Port Vale	Wimbledon	£775,000
S Agnew	Barnsley	Blackburn	£750,000
P Warhurst	Oldham	Sheff Wed	£750,000
P Schmeichel	Brondby	Man Utd	£750,000
M Milligan	Everton	Oldham	£600,000
R Newman	Bristol C	Norwich	£600,000
G Sharp	Everton	Oldham	£500,000
P Wilkinson	Watford	Middlesbrough	£500,000
M Thomas	Tottenham	West Ham	£500,000
K Wright	Dundee	Hibernian	£500,000
K Richardson	Sociedad	A Villa	£450,000
B Kilcline	Coventry	Oldham	£400,000
J Colquhoun	Hearts	Millwall	£400,000
A Harper	Man City	Everton	£400,000
P Atherton	Wigan	Coventry	£400,000
M Small	Brighton	West Ham	£400,000

Rami will relish Newbury trip

MANDARIN

RAMI can give Peter Walwyn, the Lambourn trainer, his third success in the Forte Hungerford Stakes at Newbury this afternoon. He is my nap.

Walwyn has previously won the group three contest with Brook (1973) and Kampala (1980). Today, he has a more than worthy representative in Rami who has the best form in the race and will relish this, his optimum, trip of seven furlongs.

Prior to his disappointing outing last time, when tenth of 12 behind La Grange Music at Newmarket, the Riverman colt failed by only a head to catch Sikeston in the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Once again, Rami ran an excellent race in defeat, over trip too short, when third, beaten five-and-a-half lengths by Polish Patriot at Lingfield over six furlongs. Jimmy Barnie, who recieved 14lb, was half-a-length behind my selection in third place.

Today, Jimmy Barnie has a stiff task as he meets Rami at level weights. Swordsmith, another rival today, should again be held by Rami.

At Leicester, Rami comfortably beat Swordsmith by two-and-a-half lengths over seven furlongs when meeting on level terms in April. The weights will again be the same today.

Walwyn can complete a double with **Ancherite** in the listed Washington Singer Stakes. Anchorite, an attractive son of the 1985 Derby winner Slip Anchor, made a promising debut when third to Seattle Rhyme at Ascot.

The strength of that six-furlong contest was given a timely lift when Powerful Edge, the fourth home, was an impressive winner at Salisbury on Wednesday under the guidance of Ray Cochrane.

Cochrane can continue his run of success with Scatter in the Ladbrokes Raceaid Handicap. After two promising outings when third behind Sky Cloud in the Schweppes Golden Mile at Goodwood and Susurration at Ascot, he can open his account in this moderate event.

At Southwell, **Top Villian** will appreciate the return to the all-weather in the Derry Building Services Handicap. At Pontefract recently he failed to show when eleventh of 19 to Crosby Place.

Prior to that disappointment he was a creditable runner-up to Qualitair Blazer on today's course, and before that gained a fluent victory over today's course and distance when beating Bedouin Prince by one-and-a-half lengths.

Gallery Artist, who has been campaigning on the turf and in better company, can also return to form in the National Plant & Transport Apprentice Handicap. The Rae Guest-trained colt, who won on the all-weather at Lingfield in February, ran well two outings ago when fourth, beaten less than a length, by Banbury Flyer on turf at Lingfield.

At Haydock Park, **Rive-Jumelle** can follow up her effortless success at Windsor on Monday in the *Horse And Hound* Apprentice Handicap. Despite picking up a 4lb penalty, the Michael Bell-trained filly is still well-treated at the weights.

Roger Charlton can continue his excellent strike rate on the Lancashire course by completing a double with **Eclipsing** (7.15) and **Tide Echo** (7.45).

At Perth, **Magic Soldier** can give Neale Doughty a winning return in the Abtrust Far East Emerging Economies Novices' Chase. At Uttoxeter eight days ago, Doughty took a heavy fall from Magic Soldier at the last fence when travelling well in second place behind Tapageur.

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK PARK: 5.45 Killy. NEWBURY: 4.55 Grand Guignol. SOUTHWELL: 3.00 Nafplion; 4.00 Del's Fargo; 5.05 Kinlet Vision.

York alternative added to Quest For Fame's agenda

By Richard Evans

KHALID Abdullah is considering switching Quest For Fame from Newbury on Saturday to "his race", the £200,000 Juddmonte International Stakes at York next Tuesday.

A final decision will be taken this morning following talks last night involving the owner, Roger Charlton and Pat Eddery, who has always ridden the 1990 Ever Ready Derby winner and returns from suspension next Tuesday.

Walter Swinburn had been booked to ride Quest For Fame in the Ibn Bey Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, but second thoughts about the four-year-old's target surfaced yesterday.

The group one York race is sponsored by Abdullah's Juddmonte Stud while the group two Newbury race is backed for the first time this year by his son-in-law, Prince Fahd Salman.

A spokesman for Abdullah said yesterday: "It would possibly be an easier option at Newbury but it is our race at York. We appreciate it is the wrong distance for the horse perhaps, and we appreciate that it is throwing him in at the deep end when he has been a long time off the course, but we will make up our mind before ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

"We have got to look at the nine runners and talk to the trainer, jockey and, most important of all, the owner. It is a very important decision for us to get right."

Asked what the chances were of Quest For Fame going to York, the spokesman added: "We are not in the business of bookmaking, we are in the business of making the right decisions."

Charlton: could run Quest For Fame in International

Geoff Lewis was another trainer considering group one options after Silver Wisp demolished the opposition in the Whitchurch Stakes at Salisbury yesterday. Taking up the running two-and-a-half furlongs out, the $65,000 son of Silver Hawk drew clear to win by five lengths from the favourite, Green's Colourist.

The Epsom trainer has deliberately refrained from running Silver Wisp in the top races. But following the manner of his victory yesterday he is considering aiming him for the Haynes, Hanson and Clark listed race at Newbury in September which has been won in the past by Troy, Henbit, Shergar and Rainbow Quest.

Lewis spoke of then taking his top juvenile to the United States for the Laurel Futurity or paying a supplement of £18,000 to run him in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster.

"Over a mile this horse will take some beating. He made the others look like hacks today," Lewis added. "I have never seen a horse go down to post better than he did today. He obviously loves top of the ground."

The victory was the trainer's 26th of the season and boosted the chances of each of his 20 stable staff winning a £1,000 bonus. Lewis has backed the stable to record 40 victories this season at prices from 33-1 downwards. "The lads will collect just under £20,000 between them. I do it every year and it gives the staff a good incentive."

Thatcherism may be out of fashion in the world of politics, but Distinct Thatcher showed he is no backnumber with an impressive winning debut in the opening Debutants Maiden Auction Stakes.

The Jim Horgan-owned juvenile has never been seriously tested on Richard Hannon's home gallops but the trainer has entered him in some good autumn races.

Looking ahead to next Wednesday's Ebor Handicap at York, Deposki continues to attract plenty of support and is now 10-1 clear second favourite with William Hill.

Michael Stoute's colt, the gamble of the race according to a Hill's spokesman, was 25-1 a week ago. First Victory is 9-1 favourite followed by Deposki on 10-1 and Rinja and Tidemark sharing an 11-1 quote.

York acceptors

3.10 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES (Group I: £140,492: 1m 2f 85yd) (9 five-day acceptors) Corrupt, Environment Friend, Mellaby, Mukaddamah, Quest For Fame, Shamshir, Stagecraft, Terimon, Topanoora.

3.45 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O colts and geldings: £42,201: 1m 3f 195yd) (8 five-day acceptors) Adversary, Collins Avenue, Cooley's Valve, Corrupt, Dreams End, Runyon, Saddlers' Hall, Torchon.

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NEWBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Toussaud.	2.00 Nest.	3.10 Jimmy Barnie.
2.35 The Glasha.	2.35 Be A Honey.	3.45 Piquant.
3.10 **RAMI** (nap).	3.10 Rami.	
3.45 Scatter.	3.45 **CLARET** (nap).	
4.20 Anchorite.	4.20 Rodrigo De Triano.	
4.55 Sarcita.	4.55 Herridge.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 Nicholas.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 **RODRIGO DE TRIANO**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 SPARSHOLT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,010: 6f 8yd) (21 runners)

101	(11)		AFFA (G Oliver) T Thomson Jones 8-11	D Holland	—
102	(8)		ARBORETUM (Exors of Mrs J de Rothschild) R Charlton 8-11	S Raymont	—
103	(17)		ELLAFITZETTY (A Hamilton) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	R Cochrane	—
104	(19)		EVENING DRESS (C Donald) T Thomson Jones 8-11	M Roberts	—
105	(7)	3	FELSEN 11 (Mrs S Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	92
106	(6)		GOODNITEOUT (Y Akazawa) D Elsworth 8-11	Y Okobe	—
107	(13)		HIGH SEVENS (Maj M Wyatt) H Candy 8-11	C Rutter	—
108	(21)		MAKE ME PROUD (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 8-11	B Crossley	—
109	(1)		MARVELOUS MOLLY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	S O'Gorman (3)	—
110	(10)	025	MILAGRO 17 (Mrs D Hammerson) R Hannon 8-11	R Perham (5)	97
111	(3)		NEST (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 8-11	L Dettori	—
112	(12)	68	PETITE SONNERIE 28 (D Barker) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	83
113	(2)	5	PLEASURING 21 (K Freeman) M McCormack 8-11	J Reid	● 99
114	(20)		SEA CLOUD (Seven Seas Racing) M Blanshard 8-11	W Newnes	—
115	(15)		SHAKELA (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-11	W Ryan	—
116	(5)		SILKEN WORDS (D Deer) W Muir 8-11	Kim McDonnell (7)	—
117	(16)	5	SOUL TRADER 16 (D Deer) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	87
118	(9)		TOP SONG (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	—
119	(14)		TOUSSAUD (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
120	(4)	0	WEEKEND GIRL 13 (F Gilks) W Brisbourne 8-11	A Proud	—
121	(18)	36	WHITE WEDDING 17 (Mrs N Myers) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	91

BETTING: 7-2 Arboretum, 9-2 Toussaud, 6-1 Pleasuring, Nest, 8-1 Felsen, 10-1 Nest, Soul Trader, 12-1 White Wedding, 14-1 Shakela, Milagro, 16-1 Ellafitzetty, Marvelous Molly, 20-1 others.

1990: ZONDA 8-11 T Quinn (6-1) P Cole 26 ran

FORM FOCUS

AFFA (foaled Feb 23) half-sister by Local Suitor to 1m 2f winner Firgrove. ARBORETUM (Jun 4, cost 48,000gns) full-sister by Green Desert to Himiko, winner of three races at up to 7f, including in listed company. ELLAFITZETTY (Mar 16, Ir19,000gns) half-sister by Ela Mana Mou to Miss Boniface, winner at up to 1m 4f including group II Ribblesdale Stakes. FELSEN 5l 3rd to Olette at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). GOODNITEOUT (Feb 16) half-sister by Dance Of Life *to Irish 1m 1f winner Joviality.* HIGH SEVENS (Mar 2, 20,000gns) half-sister by Master Willie to Hateel, multiple winner at up to 1m 6f including in listed company. MILAGRO 2¾l 5th to Hidden Laughter at Goodwood (7f, good) with WHITE WEDDING 3l 6th. NEST (Apr21) half-sister by Sharpo to Golden Spurs winner Shaikh Albadou and to 7f winner Assignment. PETITE SONNERIE 6½l 6th to Night Manoeuvres at Newbury (6f, good). PLEASURING 7½l 5th to Sun And Shade at Ascot (6f, good). SHAKELA (Feb 9) half-sister by Alydar to group II Queens Vase (2m) winner Jendali. SOUL TRADER 8½l 5th to Masaafi at Goodwood (6f, *good). TOUSSAUD (May 8) half-sister by El Gran Senor to Image of Class,* grade 3 winner at 7f in Canada. No selection

2.35 NEWTOWN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,997: 1m 4f 5yd) (6 runners) BBC2

201	(1)	020432	JIMLIL 18 (G) (J Knowles) B Palling 9-2	R Hills	97
202	(3)	12	THE GLASHA 32 (S) (A Scrimgeour) R Charlton 9-2	W R Swinburn	● 99
203	(4)	63-001	BE A HONEY 17 (D,G) (A Leftwich) N Graham 8-11	W Carson	88
204	(6)	3	KILMARNOCK 17 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	R Cochrane	84
205	(2)	022	SEIZE THE DAY 21 (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 8-11	L Piggott	86
206	(5)	04063	YIMKIN BOOKRA 22 (Mohammed Al-Sabah) M Francis 8-11	C Rutter	79

BETTING: 9-4 Be A Honey, 11-4 The Glasha, 9-2 Kilmarnock, 5-1 Seize The Day, 7-1 Jimlil, 20-1 Yimkin Bookra.

1990: FREESIA 8-9 W Carson (13-2) W Hern 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

JIMLIL 1l 2nd to Diamond City at Lingfield (1m 2f, good to firm). THE GLASHA 2l 2nd to General Sikorski in graduation race at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm); previously beat Jean Luc 12l in Lingfield (1m 1f, heavy) maiden.
BE A HONEY beat Highly Praised 3l in maiden at Leicester (1m 4f, good) with KILMARNOCK (5lb better off) 3l 3rd. SEIZE THE DAY 3l 2nd to Radical Chic in Ascot (1m 2f, good) maiden. YIMKIN BOORA 5½l 3rd to Friedland in amateur race at Doncaster (1m 2f, good).
Selection: THE GLASHA

3.10 FORTE HUNGERFORD STAKES (Group III: £24,705: 7f 64yd rnd) (9 runners) BBC2

301	(9)	0-32404	JIMMY BARNIE 12 (F,S) (S Cohn) J Dunlop 3-9-0	J Reid	95
302	(3)	320032	NICHOLAS 18 (D,F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 5-9-0	L Piggott	98
303	(5)	13-1320	RAMI 48 (D,F,G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-9-0	W Carson	● 99
304	(6)	22-3215	SWORDSMITH 48 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 4-9-0	M Hills	92
305	(1)	0-60103	SYLVA HONDA 34 (F,G) (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-8-12	T Quinn	93
306	(2)	620-030	APPLEDORN 69 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 4-8-11	R Cochrane	79
307	(4)	505013	ONLY YOURS 17 (F,G) (Mrs M Butcher) R Hannon 3-8-11	M Roberts	94
308	(7)	630100	SHALFORD 58 (C,F,G,S) (D Cook) R Hannon 3-8-8	B Raymond	97
309	(8)	12-1	MELPOMENE 65 (CD,F) (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6	L Dettori	88

BETTING: 5-2 Rami, 5-1 Swordsmith, 6-1 Nicholas, 13-2 Only Yours, 15-2 Melpomene, 8-1 Sylva Honda, 9-1 Jimmy Barnie, 12-1 Shalford, 33-1 Appledorn.

1990: NORWICH 3-8-9 M Hills (11-2) B Hills 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

JIMMY BARNIE 2½l 4th to Roman Prose in group II Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville (6f 110yd, good to soft). NICHOLAS 2½l 2nd to Bold Russian in group III Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). RAMI hd 2nd to Sikeston in group II Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot (1m, good) with ONLY YOURS 5½l 5th. SWORDSMITH 4½l 6th to La Grange Music in group III Criterion Stakes at Newmarket (7f, good) with ONLY YOURS 1l 8th and RAMI 2l 10th; previously beat Norton Challenger ½l in listed race at Haydock (7f, good to firm) with APPLEDORN 10½l 7th. SYLVA HONDA 5½l 3rd to Green Line Express in listed race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good). ONLY YOURS 5l 3rd to Himiko in listed race at Goodwood (7f, good). SHALFORD beat Savoyard 3½l here (6f, good to soft) in May. MELPOMENE beat Laplands Lights 7l in handicap here (7f 60yd, good to firm).
Selection: SWORDSMITH

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 LADBROKES RACEAID HANDICAP (£8,285: 1m 7yd rnd) (13 runners) BBC2

401	(2)	40-3033	SCATTER 15 (F) (M Gordon) G Harwood 4-9-13	R Cochrane	97
402	(8)	0-00054	BATZUSHKA 15 (D,F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 4-9-12	L Piggott	96
403	(1)	2-32124	CLARET 62 (D,G) (Lord Rotherwick) W Hern 3-9-10	W Carson	87
404	(9)	11-6000	GOLDEN BIRCH 20 (G) (T Mountain) W Wightman 3-9-4	J Williams	93
405	(3)	150060	ARTURIAN 17 (V,G) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-3	J Reid	98
406	(5)	010455	HARD TO FIGURE 17 (F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-9-2	T Sprake	97
407	(4)	3/414-	MOSCOW DYNAMO 453 (F) (J Burns) M Stoute 4-9-1	P D'Arcy	89
408	(10)	0-00152	LORD OBERON 13 (D,G) (Cronk Th'bred Racing B Hanbury 3-8-5	W Ryan	95
409	(7)	043-031	PIQUANT 27 (F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-3	M Roberts	97
410	(6)	215213	DREAM CARRIER 15 (F,G) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 3-8-2	A McGlone	94
411	(13)	112001	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 20 (D,F,G,S) (Guest Leasing) M Channon 6-8-1	N Carlisle	● 99
412	(11)	121306	DOUBLE ENTENDRE 62 (D,F,G,S) (K Blake) J Akehurst 5-7-10	E Johnson	95
413	(12)	0-61034	SUGEMAR 16 (BF,F) (B McEiney) J Toller 5-7-7	Jaki Houston	93

Long handicap: Sugemar 7-6.

BETTING: 11-2 Claret, 6-1 Scatter, 7-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 8-1 Batzushka, 9-1 Piquant, 10-1 Dream Carrier, Arturian, 11-1 Hard To Figure, 12-1 Lord Oberon, Moscow Dynamo, 14-1 Sugemar, Double Entendre, 20-1 Golden Birch.

1990: MODEL VILLAGE 3-9-8 S Cauthen (10-1) B Hills 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SCATTER ½l 3rd to Sky Cloud at Goodwood (1m, good) with BATZUSHKA (4lb better off) 2½l 4th. CLARET 1¼l 4th to Sipsi Fach at York (1m 2f 110yd). HARD TO FIGURE running-on 3½l 5th to Notley at Goodwood (6f, good) with ARTURIAN 27th of 29. MOSCOW DYNAMO 3½l 4th to Farm Street at Epsom (1m 110yd, good to soft). LORD OBERON 2½l 2nd to Marine Diver in Goodwood claimer (1m, good to firm). PIQUANT beat Green Dollar ½l at Newmarket (6f, good). SLEEPLINE FANTASY beat Pontenuovo short-head at Ascot (1m, good).
Selection: SCATTER

4.20 WASHINGTON SINGER STAKES (Listed Race: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £10,282: 7f) (5 runners) BBC2

501	(3)	11	RODRIGO DE TRIANO 27 (C,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2	Paul Eddery	● 99
502	(2)	3	ALFLORA 21 (Circlechart Ltd) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	73
503	(1)	3	ANCHORITE 20 (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 8-11	L Dettori	86
504	(4)	1	ASSESSOR 9 (D,S) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	87
505	(5)		PYARE SQUARE (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 10-11 Rodrigo de Triano, 4-1 Anchorite, 5-1 Pyare Square, 6-1 Assessor, 7-1 Alflora.

1990: HEART OF DARKNESS 8-11 S Cauthen (11-2) I Balding 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

RODRIGO DE TRIANO beat River Falls a head here *(6f, good to firm). ALFLORA 2¼l 3rd to Torrey Canyon in Ascot maiden (7f, good).*
ANCHORITE finished well when 3l 3rd to Seattle Rhyme in Ascot maiden (6f, good). ASSESSOR beat Flight Lieutenant 3½l in Kempton maiden (7f, good to soft). *PYARE SQUARE (Foaled Mar 19) half-brother by* Reference Point to group I winning juvenile Heart of Darkness.
Selection: RODRIGO DE TRIANO (nap)

4.55 JACK COLLING POLAR JEST APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,882: 6f 8yd) (13 runners)

601	(1)	10-33	MAYAASA 34 (F) (Miss H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-7	L Newton	92
602	(3)	520314	HERRIDGE 6 (F) (Simon Ellis Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham (5)	98
603	(6)	441301	SARCITA 16 (D,F,G,S) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 9-0	J Hunter (5)	● 99
604	(4)	5210	EVERSET 22 (BF,D,F) (L Gatto-Roissard) L Cumani 9-0	J Weaver (5)	93
605	(12)	400030	ASTERIX 25 (V,D,F) (T Marshall) C Elsey 9-0	A Procter (3)	94
606	(11)	304361	UNVEILED 9 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Burge) R Hodges 8-13 (7ex)	D Harrison (3)	90
607	(8)	121024	COUNTESS OF POLAND 22 (BF,D,F) Mrs L Piggott 8-8	G Milligan (7)	93
608	(2)	22214	GREEN'S LE SIDANER 9 (D,F) (R Green Fine Paintings) P Cole 8-7	D Holland	92
609	(6)	230551	BANBURY FLYER 18 (D,F) (J Martin) Mrs A King 8-6	G Husband	94
610	(10)	500250	SWIFT ROMANCE 15 (C,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 8-6	R Price	96
611	(13)	140405	HELIOS 9 (F) (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 8-6	A Tucker	96
612	(9)	0215	GRAND GUIGNOL 23 (B) (H Morriss) G Wragg 8-5	F Norton	88
613	(7)	000665	TEANARCO 7 (V,D,F,S) (B Symonds) R Holder 7-12	S Drowne (5)	94

BETTING: 7-2 Sarcita, 6-1 Banbury Flyer, 13-2 Grand Guignol, 7-1 Mayaasa, 8-1 Herridge, Everset, 10-1 Unveiled, Countess Of Poland, 12-1 Green's Le Sidaner, 14-1 others.

1990: FINJAN 3-9-0 G Husband (6-1) P Walwyn 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAYAASA failed to quicken when ½l 3rd to Patraco at York (6f, good). HERRIDGE 2½l 4th to Highest Praise at Lingfield (7f, good); previously beat State Governor 8l in Bath maiden (5f, good to firm).
SARCITA stayed on well when beating Tango Time a hd at Goodwood (5f, good). UNVEILED beat Abso neck at Brighton (7f, good to firm) with GREEN'S LE SIDANER (7lb better off) 2¾l 4th and HELIOS (10lb better off) 2½l 5th. GREEN'S LE SIDANER beat No Comebacks 1½l in Thirsk maiden (6f, firm) on penultimate start. BANBURY FLYER made all to beat Lambada Girl, a winner since, ¾l at Lingfield (6f, good to firm).
Selection: HERRIDGE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Armstrong	7	30	23.3	D Holland	3	14	21.4
M Stoute	21	114	18.4	W Carson	44	264	16.7
J Toller	5	28	17.9	L Piggott	3	20	15.0
J Gosden	7	43	16.3	M Roberts	25	189	13.2
L Cumani	10	66	15.2	T Quinn	21	169	12.4
W Hern	16	107	15.0	W R Swinburn	21	178	11.8

☐ Patricia, trained by Henry Cecil and ridden by Steve Cauthen, won the £25,458 Prix de Pomone by a head at Deauville yesterday. She will now go for the group one Prix Vermeille at Longchamp next month. Cecil's other intended runner, Peter Davies, was withdrawn from the Prix Guillaume d'Ornano because of a blood disorder and may now be retired.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.30 Bollin Magdalene.	2.30 Glow Of Summer.
3.00 Top Villain.	3.00 Top Villain.
3.30 Yonge Tender.	3.30 Summer Sands.
4.00 Invincible Armada.	4.00 Invincible Armada.
4.30 High Low.	4.30 High Low.
5.05 Gallery Artist.	5.05 Imco Double.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Moving Out.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF): STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 KPMG PEAT MARWICK HANDICAP (All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	01-321	MOVING OUT 29 (C,D,S) (F Salman) M Prescott 9-7	A Munro	● 99
2	(8)	114012	CHAKALAK 16 (BF,C,F) (P Chakko) S Dow 9-6	G Carter	87
3	(3)	00450	OVERATIM 27 (B) (Mrs P White) Mrs N Macauley 8-5	J Marshall (7)	81
4	(4)	321201	GLOW OF SUMMER 16 (D,F) (Tarsus International) M Bell 8-5	P Turner (7)	98
5	(10)	600130	SARSTA GRAI 9 (C,F) (T Kindon) R Earnshaw 8-4	A Mackay	93
6	(7)	0-00404	BOLLIN MAGDALENE 9 (V) (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 7-11	L Charnock	88
7	(1)	0-50000	MERCERS MAGIC 56 (J Gibbs) D Haydn Jones 7-10	J Lowe	85
8	(6)	551133	GREY COMMANDER 38 (G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-8	S Maloney (5)	86
9	(5)	0000	SHARP ISSUE 16 (M O'Toole) M Chapman 7-7	N Kennedy (5)	—
10	(2)	0-02600	EMALLEN 21 (P Allen) D Wilson 7-7	G Bardwell	88

Long Handicap: Sharp Issue 7-6, Emallen 7-1

BETTING: 2-1 Moving Out, 9-4 Glow Of Summer, 6-1 Chakalak, 7-1 Grey Commander, 12-1 Bollin Magdalene, 14-1 Sarsta Grai.

1990: ART FORM 9-5 A Munro (10-1) C Cyzer 12 ran

3.00 DERRY BUILDING SERVICES HANDICAP (All-weather: £2,366: 1m 3f) (8 runners)

1	(3)	186560	CAREFREE TIMES 13 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-9-10	N Connorton	92
2	(2)	02-6063	OKA FLOW 20 (B) (C T Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 3-9-0	G Duffield	85
3	(8)	011520	TOP VILLAIN 9 (CD,F) (J Lemmiman) A Turnell 5-8-8	A Tucker (5)	83
4	(6)	040010	MR WISHING WELL 4 (S) (S Astaire) R Williams 5-8-6	A Munro	● 99
5	(4)	000-400	MAC RAMBLER 120 (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 4-8-2	J Fanning (5)	86
6	(5)	003005-	CHARLYCIA 331 (Mrs V Robson) R Earnshaw 3-7-7	A Mackay	80
7	(7)	/00406	QUALITAIR FLYER 34 (F,S) (Qualitair Holdings Ltd) J Bottomley 9-7-7	N Kennedy (5)	84
8	(1)	000000	NAFPLION 19 (B) (Miss P Kissock-Smith) R Peacock 6-7-7	S Wood	—

Long Handicap: Charlycia 7-6, Qualitair Flyer 7-6, Nafplion 7-1

BETTING: 15-8 Mr Wishing Well, 11-4 Oka Flow, 4-1 Top Villain, 6-1 Carefree Times, 12-1 Qualitair Flyer.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.30 SPORTING LIFE CLAIMING STAKES (Turf: £2,508: 7f) (5 runners)

1	(4)	201412	YONGE TENDER 16 (B,D,F,G) (T Molony) J Wharton 4-8-5	J Fanning (5)	95
2	(5)	0-23454	KUMMEL KING 27 (G) (D Hall) J H Wilson 3-8-4	G Carter	88
3	(2)	054453	SUMMER SANDS 23 (F) (Mrs A Harris) J Harris 3-7-12	J Quinn	● 99
4	(3)	56	CUBAN SWINGER 21 (Rodvic Ltd) W Pearce 3-7-11	L Charnock	75
5	(1)	602233	FOXES DIAMOND 6 (D Fox) J Hetherton 3-7-9	J Lowe	87

BETTING: 7-4 Summer Sands, 15-8 Yonge Tender, 4-1 Kummel King, 6-1 Foxes Diamond, 14-1 Cuban Swinger.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.00 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (Turf: qualifier: 2-Y-O: £2,954: 7f) (13 runners)

1	(10)	66	FAIT ACCOMPLI 8 (Hayrod Construction Ltd) J O'Neill 8-13	K Fallon	72
2	(4)	00	FULL SIGHT 23 (J Fuller) M Tompkins 8-9	M Godsafe (7)	—
3	(8)	6	INVINCIBLE ARMADA 20 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9	A Munro	90
4	(9)		ISLAND BLADE (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-9	N Howe	—
5	(13)	00	KING'S GUEST 16 (Lord Cadogan) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7	G Duffield	—
6	(7)		BADAWIAH (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-6	A Cruz	—
7	(11)	0006	CANNY BAIRN 56 (D Needham & Partners) M Chapman 8-5	S Webster	—
8	(12)	60	DEL'S FARGO 20 (V) (D Wilcox) J Harris 8-6	J Quinn	—
9	(1)	0	GALWAY PRINCE 90 (M O'Toole) M Chapman 8-6	N Kennedy (5)	—
10	(3)	03	PALACEGATE KING 7 (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-6	Dale Gibson	92
11	(2)	60	THE LAST WASHER 7 (M Tompkins) M Tompkins 8-6	S Mulvey (7)	78
12	(6)		FOUNTAIN PLAZA (Mrs J Turpin) J Edwards 8-4	G Carter	—
13	(5)	3434	BATTUTA 11 (Mrs D Sharp) R Earnshaw 8-0	A Mackay	● 99

BETTING: 5-2 Badawiah, 7-2 Battuta, 7-1 Palacegate King, 8-1 Invincible Armada, 9-1 Fait Accompli, 12-1 Island Blade, 14-1 Fountain Plaza, 16-1 The Last Washer.

1990: CAROMANDOO 8-8 Dean McKeown (14-1) M Bell 14 ran

4.30 SOUTHWELL OPPORTUNITIES STAKES (All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,366: 1m) (3 runners)

1	(2)	301	HIGH LOW 13 (F) (B Haggas) W Haggas 9-4	N Day	94
2	(1)		MONEY SPIDER (C Booth) C Booth 8-11	Paul Burke	—
3	(3)	034222	STATE GOVERNOR 9 (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-11	G Duffield	● 99

BETTING: 5-6 High Low, Evens State Governor, 14-1 Money Spider.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.05 NATIONAL PLANT & TRANSPORT HANDICAP (All-weather: apprentices: £2,407: 6f) (16 runners)

1	(8)	013001	WELLSY LAD 16 (CD,S) (J Chapman) D Chapman 4-10-0	V Halliday (5)	95
2	(5)	6-31640	GALLERY ARTIST 8 (D) (Mrs T Goodall) R Guest 3-9-8	S Eiffert (5)	90
3	(6)	000635	IN A WHIRL 22 (D,F) (M Hill) N Callaghan 3-8-1	W Clayton (7)	94
4	(13)	133040	SILLY'S BROTHER 18 (CD) (J Swinburne) N Bycroft 5-9-0	J Fanning	98
5	(3)	000200	BALSMO 43 (B,CD) (G Vine) D Haydn Jones 3-8-12	Sian Williams (7)	96
6	(9)	354500	ORCHARD'S PET 17 (D,F) (P Stranger) W Turner 5-8-10	—	92
7	(10)	304200	ARC LAMP 27 (G) (B Bruce) J Glover 5-8-7	—	96
8	(7)	666040	APRES HUIT 10 (C,F) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7	J Marshall (5)	96
9	(12)	00-0506	SPANISH REALM 2 (F,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-5	S Maloney	94
10	(2)	06500	NO BIG DEAL 48 (Mrs N Kelrie) M Usher 3-8-4	David Williams	97
11	(14)	00063	IMCO DOUBLE 16 (Mrs L Ahmet) E Eldin 3-8-3	G Forster (5)	96
12	(16)	00-0	MAC'S MUSIC 125 (L Barratt) L Barratt 5-8-0	E Husband (7)	—
13	(11)	0-40400	KINLET VISION 14 (V,D,F) (Wyre Foresters) J Berry 3-7-13	Emma O'Gorman	94
14	(4)	040403	TOM'S ARCTIC DREAM 16 (T Staddon) W Williams 3-7-12	K Rutter	● 99
15	(15)	400	GRANNY MC 51 (Mrs S Alston) E Alston 4-7-9	C Hawksley (5)	—
16	(1)	000-054	LONGWOOD LEGEND 22 (B) (Miss L Townsend) Pat Mitchell 3-7-8	N Kennedy	96

BETTING: 3-1 Tom's Arctic Dream, 8-1 Wellsy Lad & Imco Double, 9-1 In A Whirl, 10-1 Gallery Artist, Longwood Legend, 12-1 Kinlet Vision, 14-1 Silly's Brother, 16-1 Orchards Pet & Arc Lamp, 20-1 Apres Huit.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W O'Gorman	18	64	28.1	Emma O'Gorman	14	71	19.7
W Haggas	5	18	27.8	N Connorton	4	24	16.7
J Berry	15	85	17.6	G Carter	24	151	15.9
M Prescott	9	55	16.4	G Duffield	25	176	14.2
M Bell	5	33	15.2	N Day	6	49	12.2
W Pearce	6	45	13.3	J Fanning	8	67	11.9

(Not including yesterday's results)

PERTH

MANDARIN

2.30 Jimmy Mac Jimmy. 3.00 Magic Soldier. 3.30 Sharp Order. 4.00 Moment Of Truth. 4.30 Kamart. 5.00 Charlotte's Emma.

THUNDERER

2.30 Raith Homes. 3.00 Stay Awake. 3.30 Olympic Challenger. 4.00 Stepfaster. 4.30 Syron. 5.00 Charlotte's Emma.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD PATCHES) SIS

2.30 ABTRUST WEALTH BUILDER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,898: 2m) (10 runners)

1	3/0-	BOYNTON 18F J Johnson 8-11-0	B Storey
2	025-	LORDSHIP 81 M Barnes 6-11-0	P A Farrell
3	405-	NORTH PRIDE 115 S Payne 6-11-0	R Supple
4	035-	RAITH HOMES 161 G Richards 5-11-0	N Doughty
5	00-0	WORKING OVERTIME 13 (F) Mrs S Bramall 5-11-0	J O'Gorman (3)
6		AWARD WINNER W A Stephenson 4-10-11	C Grant
7	5-	JIMMY MAC JIMMY 18F Miss L Perratt 4-10-11	R Fahey
8	520-	KEY DEAR 93 Mrs S Bradburne 4-10-11	T Reed
9	06-	ASERBAIDSCHAN 79 P Monteith 6-10-9	L O'Hara
10		TRIBUTE TO VIQUEEN V Thompson 5-10-9	R Garritty

7-2 North Pride, 9-2 Key Dear, 5-1 Lordship, 13-2 Raith Homes, 8-1 Boynton, 10-1 Jimmy Mac Jimmy, 12-1 others.

3.00 ABTRUST FAR EAST EMERGING ECONOMIES NOVICES CHASE (£2,385: 2m) (5)

1	2P-F	MAGIC SOLDIER 8 (G) G Richards 6-11-0	N Doughty
2	/43-	MAJESTIC RING 93 P Monteith 9-11-0	L O'Hara
3	05/	NICORIDGE 521 V Thompson 9-11-0	Mr S Lyons (7)
4	213-	STAY AWAKE 9F (F,G,S) J J O'Neill 5-10-11	M Dwyer
5	P41-	ZAM'S SLAVE 107 (F) J Charlton 6-10-9	B Storey

5-4 Magic Soldier, 15-8 Stay Awake, 9-2 Majestic Ring, 7-1 Zam's Slave, 20-1 Nicoridge.

3.30 ABTRUST EXTRA INCOME FUND SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (Conditional jockeys: £1,674: 2m 4f) (5)

1	22P-	MARSH KING 273 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 10-12-0	C Maude
2	134-	OLYMPIC CHALLENGER 21F (C,F,G) J Johnson 7-10-13	A S Smith
3	6-41	SHARP ORDER 8 (D,F) Miss S Wilton 8-10-1 (5ex)	S Davies
4	5P0-	BACK BEFORE DARK 113 (S) P Monteith 7-10-0	F Murtagh
5	400-	PARKERS JOY 22F (B) Miss S Wilton 7-10-0	S D Williams

11-8 Sharp Order, 9-4 Marsh King, 3-1 Olympic Challenger, 12-1 Back Before Dark, 20-1 Parkers Joy

4.00 ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,808: 2m 4f) (5)

1	F11-	MOMENT OF TRUTH 14F (F,G,S) P Monteith 7-12-0	L O'Hara
2	P2P-	JIM THORPE 115 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-10	N Leach (7)
3	625-	CAUTIOUS PETE 102 (C,F,G) W Page 8-10-9	A Merrigan
4	412-	SONSIE MO 93 (F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 6-10-0	B Storey
5	1F1-	STEPFASTER 81 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 6-10-0	K Johnson

11-10 Moment Of Truth, 7-2 Stepfaster, 9-2 Cautious Pete, 11-2 Sonsie Mo, 8-1 Jim Thorpe.

4.30 ABTRUST EUROPEAN FUND CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,870: 2m) (12)

1	2	NISHKINA 7 M H Easterby 11-4	L Wyer
2		SOLO SAIL 24F C Weedon 11-4	Peter Hobbs
3		SEME DE LYS 101F G Richards 11-3	N Doughty
4		GENERAL JO 36F Mrs J Jordan 11-0	M Sharratt (7)
5		SYRON 10F G Moore 10-13	M Dwyer
6		DE VALERA 16F W Bentley 10-11	T Reed
7		GIVEMEACALL 11F N Tinkler 10-10	G McCourt
8	4	VOSTOK 14 G Pritchard-Gordon 10-9	S Smith Eccles
9	3	KAMART 13 Denys Smith 10-7	C Grant
10		MISTY NIGHT 30F P Monteith 10-7	L O'Hara
11	4	GOLDEN REVERIE 13 (B) M Hammond 10-6	D Bentley (7)
12	26	MR REINER 7 (V) Denys Smith 10-5	P Waggott (7)

3-1 Mr Reiner, 11-2 Nishkina, 7-1 Vostok, 8-1 General Jo, 10-1 Kamart, Syron, 14-1 Misty Night, Golden Reverie, 16-1 others.

5.00 ABTRUST PEP NOVICES HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 4f) (10)

1	U/1	TENTER CLOSE 7 (F) M Hammond 5-11-7	P Niven
2	/PP-	MORE COOL 139 P Hobbs 6-11-0	Peter Hobbs
3	000-	STAR OATS 163 G Richards 5-11-0	N Doughty
4	0P0-	STRONG CHANCE 111 W Page 5-11-0	C Grant
5	524-	WILLIE SPARKLE 287 Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-0	Mr J Bradburne
6	506-	YOUNG MURPHY 76 G Coatsworth 9-11-0	A Merrigan
7	302-	EMERITUS 4F W Bentley 4-10-11	T Reed
8	024-	BLUEBELL TRACK 81 (B) V Thompson 5-10-9	R Garritty
9	2-	POLLITTS PRIDE 81 G Moore 5-10-9	M Dwyer
10	46-	CHARLOTTE'S EMMA 196 Mrs J Goodfellow 4-10-6	B Storey

11-4 Emeritus, 9-2 Willie Sparkle, 11-2 Tenter Close, 7-1 Charlotte's Emma, 8-1 Pollitts Pride, Bluebell Track, 20-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; C Weedon, 4 from 12, 33.3%; G M Moore, 16 from 53, 30.2%, Mrs J D Goodfellow, 3 from 15, 20%; W A Stephenson, 20 from 101, 19.8%; G Richards, 28 from 151, 18.5%

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 10 winners from 24 rides, 41.7%; K Johnson, 7 from 26, 26.9%; M Dwyer, 16 from 63, 25.4%; N Doughty, 15 from 69, 21.7%; C Grant, 20 from 94, 21.3%, R Garritty, 5 from 29, 17.2%.

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN

5.45 Rive-Jumelle. 6.15 Kestrel Forboxes. 6.45 Fylde Flyer. 7.15 Eclipsing. 7.45 Tide Echo. 8.15 Miss Shadowfax.

THUNDERER

5.45 Charly Pharly. 6.15 Eternal Flame. 6.45 Fylde Flyer. 7.15 Granitton Bay. 7.45 Tide Echo. 8.15 Tino Tere.

Michael Seely: 5.45 **CHARLY PHARLY** (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
5.45 **RIVE-JUMELLE** (nap).

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5.45 HORSE AND HOUND HANDICAP (Apprentices: £3,101: 1m 2f 120yd) (11 runners)

1	-045	SUNSET REINS FREE 9 (V,G,S) E Alston 6-9-10	— 6
2	00-0	MR CHRIS CAKEMAKER 8 (CD,S) M Naughton 7-9-10	— 8
3	5331	RIVE-JUMELLE 4 (D,F,G) M Bell 3-9-9 (4ex)	P Turner (7) 9
4	0352	DANCING STREET 8 R Whitaker 3-9-5	M Harrington (7) 10
5	0033	OWT ON 6 (F) M W Easterby 4-9-4	O Pears (7) 1
6	0-00	BARACHOIS PRINCESS 67 R Hollinshead 4-9-3	G Hind 7
7	0004	NOT YET 8 (D,F,G) E Weymes 7-9-0	C Hodgson 6
8	0561	CHARLY PHARLY 16 (B,CD,S) F Lee 4-8-13	D Biggs 3
9	-066	PERSONALITY CLASH 21 T Thomson Jones 3-8-7	A Tucker 4
10	3660	BOBBY ON THE BANK 18 (D,F,S) M O'Neill 5-8-4	W Frost (7) 11
11	0000	MOST OF ALL 10 (V) T Kersey 5-7-11	— 2

5-2 Charly Pharly, 11-4 Rive-Jumelle, 4-1 Owt On, 11-2 Dancing Street, 8-1 Sunset Reins Free, 10-1 Barachois Princess, 14-1 others.

6.15 BBC LOCAL RADIO IN THE NORTH CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,556: 1m 30yd) (3)

1	0114	KESTREL FORBOXES 9 (BF,F) J Berry 9-2	J Carroll 3
2	-114	ETERNAL FLAME 46 (BF,D,F,G) J Hills 9-0	R Hills 1
3	-206	HARMER 16 John Fitzgerald 8-4	M Roberts 2

10-11 Kestrel Forboxes, 5-4 Eternal Flame, 11-2 Harmer.

☐ Peter Scudamore takes a break from British racing today to ride Silverword, owned and trained by Sartilly-based Philippe Lamotte d'Argy, in the £7,000 Prix du Casino de Deauville, a two-and-a-quarter mile chase run at Clairefontaine, near Deauville.

6.45 WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,892: 6f) (7)

1	3112	FYLDE FLYER 13 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 6
2		KILLY (B) F Lee 8-8	— 5
3	2123	JUST BOB 28 (F) S Kettlewell 8-7	J Fortune 4
4	03	STRANGERSINTHENITE 6 J Wainwright 8-6	L Charnock 2
5	04	MONBODDO 9 J J O'Neill 8-5	A Culhane 1
6	2612	AMOUREUSE 34 (G) E Owen jun 8-4	M Wood 3
7	0	BLIMPERS DISCO 108 E Owen jun 8-3	V Bray (7) 7

5-2 Just Bob, 11-4 Fylde Flyer, 4-1 Amoreuse, 9-2 Monboddo, 6-1 Strangersinthenite, 16-1 Killy, 20-1 Blimpers Disco

7.15 CLAUDE HARRISON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,882: 1m 30yds) (6)

1	0210	ECLIPSING 38 (D,G) R Charlton 3-9-10	R Cochrane 1
2	-514	GRANITTON BAY 6 (V,D,F,S) R Whitaker 4-9-8	A Culhane 5
3	-210	MUDAFFAR 112 (BF,D,S) R Armstrong 3-9-4	B Crossley 3
4	2311	CROFTER'S CLINE 20 (V,D,F,G) M O'Neill 7-8-7	D Nicholls 4
5	0021	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 28 (D,F,G) F Lee 4-8-4	R Lappin 2
6	5265	NORQUAY 9 (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 6-7-9	Kim Tinkler 6

2-1 Crofter's Cline, 11-4 Sir Arthur Hobbs, 4-1 Eclipsing, 5-1 Granitton Bay, 8-1 Mudaffar, 14-1 Norquay

7.45 RACING POST MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,691: 1m 2f 120yd) (5)

1	24	MUWAZI 6 R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson 5
2		PRINCIPLE MUSIC A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts 2
3	3	SIR GEORGE CHUFFY 28 F Lee 9-0	R Cochrane 4
4	3	TIDE ECHO 111 R Charlton 9-0	M Hills 1
5	0003	EMMA VICTORIA 10 T Kersey 8-9	— 3

4-5 Tide Echo, 3-1 Sir George Chuffy, 4-1 Muwazi, 13-2 Principle Music, 25-1 Emma Victoria.

8.15 SWAN WITH TWO NECKS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,377: 5f) (4 runners)

1	3212	TINO TERE 20 (D,F,G) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 2
2	001	TOPSTRIKE 27 W O'Gorman 8-2	A Cruz 4
3	6221	PREMIER ENVELOPE 42 (CD,F) N Tinkler 7-7	— 1
4	6512	MISS SHADOWFAX 4 (D,F) C Allen 7-7	G Bardwell 3

13-8 Topstrike, 15-8 Tino Tere, 3-1 Premier Envelope, 5-1 Miss Shadowfax.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W A O'Gorman, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; R Charlton, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Bell, 4 from 15, 26.7%; M Naughton, 6 from 31, 19.4%; A Stewart, 3 from 28, 10.7%. Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 20 from 90, 22.2%, A Cruz, 3 from 15, 20.0%; W Carson, 18 from 105, 17.1%, R Cochrane, 11 from 67, 16.4%, M Roberts, 11 from 83, 13.3%, D Nicholls, 8 from 61, 13.1%

Cecil banned

HENRY Cecil, the Newmarket trainer, was yesterday banned from driving for a year and fined £300 after police were tipped off he was drinking and driving.

Cecil gave a breath test that showed he was nearly twice the legal limit, with 62 micrograms in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35. Cecil, who admitted the offence, was ordered to pay £50 costs. After the hearing he refused to comment.

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Cricketers threatened by lean times as leading counties chase championship riches

Tension rises in open title pursuit

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THESE are times of tension and transition in county cricket. Five weeks of the season remain and six clubs still have a realistic chance of winning the championship. At least as many face a turbulent period of judgment and change.

Already, in recent weeks, the captaincies of Surrey and Sussex have fallen vacant. More will follow, probably including Worcestershire and Lancashire.

Kent have responded to the recession by releasing four players, including the former England captain, Chris Cowdrey. Other counties will be obliged to take similar steps to survive, creating not only leaner playing staffs but an unprecedented number of players available for transfer.

Loyalty is a fading virtue too, judging by the manner of Chris Lewis's intended move from Leicestershire. The only reason he has given is that he does not believe the county can win a competition. They will certainly have less chance when he goes.

It all adds up to the most fluid situation the county game has confronted for many years. Money, or in most cases the lack of it, is the principal reason, producing dissatisfied players eyeing what they believe is greener grass elsewhere, and hard-up clubs seeking success as a financial necessity rather than with the traditional aim of pride and prestige.

This is the backcloth to a championship run-in which promises much, not least because Middlesex and Worcestershire, widely expected to contest the title, are out of the running. Lancashire, many people's favourites when the season began, remain in touch in sixth place but their recent games indicate that even if others believe they can still take the title, they do not.

Players whose fitness is in any question have been kept for the Sunday league, which Lancashire lead, and their championship aspirations were put firmly in perspective this week by an innings defeat against Gloucestershire with a fourth-choice captain.

David Hughes, who must take much of the credit for the revival of the Red Rose county, has hardly taken the field since leaving himself out of the Benson and Hedges Cup final and it is clear he is about to stand down.

The choice of his successor is causing intense speculation and the sooner the club nominates its man from the four obvious candidates — Fairbrother, Atherton, Fowler and Allott — the better it will be for them.

There are persistent rumblings of disaffection with the Pakistani overseas player, Wasim Akram, despite his match-winning bowling, and rightly or wrongly the impression remains that Lancashire are content to concentrate on the one-day arena, in which they have already excelled, rather than taking the championship.

Wasim: match-winner

Among the games starting today, Lancashire travel to Derbyshire, in fifth place and with three games in hand on the long-time leaders, Warwickshire. Although Derbyshire have accrued only 31 bowling bonus points, the emergence of Dominic Cork has helped sustain their challenge. With Malcolm not fully fit and Morris ruled out by meningitis, it is difficult to see that situation lasting.

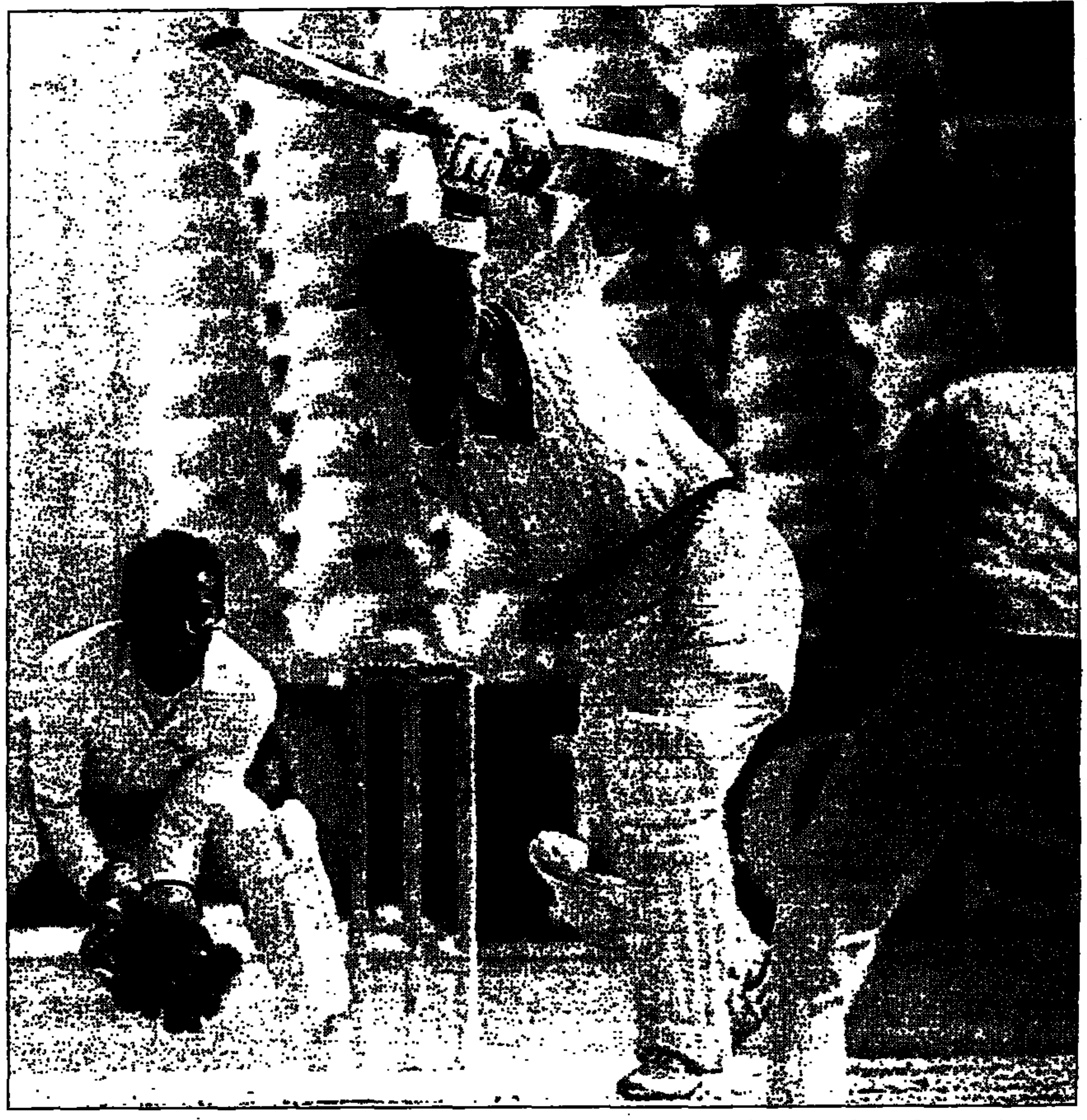
Nottinghamshire have had a good year, a very good one when it is considered that a team already apparently past its best quickly lost the durable Cooper. Four of their six remaining games, beginning today against struggling Somerset, are at Trent Bridge and they cannot lightly be discounted, although the declining form of their spin bowler, Hemmings, is a worry.

The bookmakers still regard Warwickshire as an odds-on shot and, with a 37-point cushion, so they may be. But they have twice been emphatically beaten in the past fortnight and Wednesday's embarrassment in the semi-final ofthe NatWest Trophy confirmed the impression that their suspect batting is in a trough.

The seam attack could yet see them through, and winning even two of their four remaining games would make them very hard to catch. My hunch is that Essex and Surrey, the best placed of the pursuing pack, could gain too much momentum for them in the closing weeks.

Graham Gooch will find no respite from his England exertions for, back at county level, his Essex team has been showing signs of frayed edges. Victory at Trent Bridge on Monday brought them back into the reckoning and, although they must play both Yorkshire and Lancashire without Gooch, they will go close if Foster's knees stand up to the strain.

Quite apart from their engagement at Lord's on September 7, Surrey, with seven matches still to play, are involved in every round of the championship and there will be no opportunity to rest their peerless match-winner, Waqar Younis. But there is no sign yet of Waqar flagging and Surrey could give Ian Greig, their outgoing captain, the ultimate send-off.


BARRY GREENWOOD

Losing cause: Moxon drives in his score of 32 but it was not enough for England A against Sri Lanka yesterday

Sri Lanka gain a fillip for the Lord's Test

By RICHARD STREETON

OLD TRAFFORD (England A won toss): Sri Lanka beat England A by three wickets

COMPARED with their defeat the previous day, Sri Lanka were virtually unrecognisable yesterday when they beat England A in the second one-day match here. They batted and bowled with greater purpose and deservedly gained a win that will give them a fillip before meeting England in a Test match at Lord's starting next Thursday.

Sri Lanka, set to make 213, won with 13 balls to spare after a scintillating eighth-wicket stand between Atapattu and Ratnayake. They added 53 in seven overs, punishing Such, Hick and Pick mercilessly in the final stages. Ramayake showed no signs of wrenched neck muscles he sustained in the field.

Ratnayake drove Hick and Such for enormous sixes in the rousing finish. Sri Lanka still needed 66 with 15 overs left, 53 from ten and 23 from five but kept their heads. An important factor was that the England A spinners were unable to obtain the same amount of turn as their opponents' slow bowlers had.

Sri Lanka soon lost Kuruppu and Gurusinha, before Hathurusingha and Mahanama settled down to bat with great resolution in poor light. Hathurusinghe was caught at short fine leg as he swept just before tea but Jayasuriya attacked shrewdly before Mahhanama was run out.

Jayasuriya eventually holed out to mid-wicket and Tillakaratne and Ramanayake did not stay long but Atapattu and Ratnayake regained the initiative with audacious batting.

For the second time England A batted first and, as on Wednesday, only one Englishman passed 50, this time it was Ward, rather than Fairbrother, who was rested. The unfortunate Hick again failed and there were repetitions of people dismissed after getting a sight of the ball. Once again Sri Lanka bowled tightly and 40 of their overs were spin.

Ward was fifth out at 173 and for 48 overs had been forced to curb his attacking instincts. He faced 131 balls and hit only four fours but accumulated 41 singles. It was the sweep that finally got him out when Madurasinghe took a good, running catch at long leg. This was one of four wickets Anurasiri claimed with some skilful bowling.

☐ The Test and County Cricket Board is to set up a working party to investigate the state of the domestic first-class game. It will be chaired by Mike Murray, the Middlesex chairman.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A

T R Ward c Madurasinghe b Anurasiri	78
*M D Moxon st Tillekeratne b Anurasiri	32
G A Hick b Ratnayake	1
N Hussain c Tillekeratne b Anurasiri	22
P Johnson c and b Jayasuriya	22
M Watkinson c Kuruppu b Anurasiri	2
†S A Marsh not out	28
R K Illingworth not out	10
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 3, nb 5)	17
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	212

P J Martin, R A Pick and P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-72, 3-121, 4-168, 5-173, 6-175.

BOWLING: Ramanayake 8-1-31-0; Ratnayake 5-1-10-1; Gurusinha 2-0-11-0; Anurasiri 11-0-35-4; Madurasinghe 11-0-49-0; Jayasuriya 11-0-40-1; Tillekeratne 7-0-27-0.

SRI LANKA

U C Hathurusinghe c Illingworth b Such	33
D S B Kuruppu c Moxon b Pick	0
*A P Gurusinha c Marsh b Martin	10
R S Mahanama run out	44
S T Jayasuriya c Johnson b Watkinson	35
M S Atapattu not out	41
†H P Tillekeratne c Moxon b Hick	5
C P H Ramanayake run out	2
R J Ratnayake not out	26
Extras (lb 6, w 7, nb 4)	17
Total (7 wkts, 52.5 overs)	213

S D Anurasiri and M A W Madurasinghe did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-17, 3-74, 4-129, 5-138, 6-156, 7-160.

BOWLING: Pick 6.5-0-31-1; Martin 6-1-18-1; Watkinson 11-2-35-1; Such 11-1-49-1; Illingworth 11-0-36-0; Hick 7-0-38-1.

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer

Tokyo protest

Three South African athletes, angry with their country's non-participation at the world championships in Tokyo later this month, intend to travel to Japan in protest. They plan to complain to a meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Association, which convenes on Tuesday to discuss full membership for South Africa.

Seniors start

Six former world champions will be among those contesting the inaugural world seniors snooker championship at Trentham Gardens from September 18 to 22. Dennis Taylor, Terry Griffiths, Cliff Thorburn, John Spencer, Alex Higgins and Fred Davis are included in the 16-man line-up.

Radry pull out

The Cardiff side, Radyr, has withdrawn from the semi-finals of the BJ Welsh cricket cup.

LEADING FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: six completed innings, avge 49.47

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
M W Gatting	16	27	10	1478	215*	86.94	6	4
S J Cook	18	30	6	1980	210*	82.50	8	5
Salim Malik	18	28	6	1563	215	71.04	5	5
M P Maynard	18	28	6	1474	204	67.00	5	5
T M Moody	18	28	4	1603	210	66.79	5	6
C L Smith	16	27	3	1553	200	64.70	6	7
A P Wells	17	26	4	1408	253*	64.00	6	3
M R Benson	16	22	2	1198	257	59.90	4	6
D W Randall	16	24	7	1011	120	59.47	3	3
G J Turner	8	8	2	349	101*	58.16	1	2
R A Smith	11	20	3	966	148*	56.82	2	8
B C Broad	15	27	3	1361	166	56.70	4	6
N H Fairbrother	15	22	6	902	121	56.37	5	2
G A Gooch	14	23	3	1106	154*	55.30	3	5
D J Bicknell	17	29	2	1381	151	51.14	4	7
M Azharuddin	16	27	3	1226	154	51.08	4	7
D A Reeve	16	25	6	967	99*	50.89	—	11
I T Botham	10	16	3	661	161	50.84	2	3
D M Ward	*16*	*27*	*6*	*1053*	*98*	*50.14*	*—*	*10*
P Johnson	17	27	6	1039	124	49.47	2	7

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets, avge 27.15

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
Waqar Younis	421	82	1163	76	15.30	7-87	9	2
A A Donald	395.5	77	1183	63	18.77	5-33	6	2
O H Mortensen	*414.1*	*103*	*1037*	*51*	*20.33*	*6-101*	*2*	*—*
K M Curran	267	77	719	35	20.54	5-60	1	—
P Carrick	406.3	145	871	42	20.73	5-13	2	—
G R Dilley	256.2	53	706	34	20.76	5-61	1	—
N A Foster	488.4	113	1378	64	21.53	6-45	4	—
D V Lawrence	370.1	57	1281	59	21.71	6-67	4	1
D G Cork	309.3	49	935	42	22.26	8-53	1	1
Wasim Akram	429.3	98	1251	56	22.33	6-66	7	1
D A Reeve	341.5	102	799	35	22.82	6-73	1	—
C C Lewis	371.5	104	938	41	22.87	6-111	3	—
F D Stephenson	499.1	120	1361	59	23.06	5-27	3	1
I T Botham	255.2	51	827	33	25.06	7-54	2	—
P A J DeFreitas	428.1	111	1192	47	25.36	6-66	1	—
T A Munton	585.3	147	1508	59	25.55	8-89	4	1
M Frost	384.1	64	1365	51	26.76	7-99	1	1
D R Pringle	380.1	103	973	36	27.02	5-70	2	—
D J Foster	148.5	24	542	20	27.10	6-84	1	—
P C R Tufnell	710.4	190	1765	65	27.15	7-116	4	1

☐ *Compiled by Richard Lockwood* *Source: TCCB/Bull*

FIXTURES

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.00, 110 overs

DERBY: Derbyshire v Lancashire.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Northamptonshire.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v *Surrey.*
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Glamorgan

Bull under-19 international

11.00, 110 overs

LEICESTER: England v Australia.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Usk: Glamorgan v Yorkshire. Collingham: Nottinghamshire v Sussex. Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Middlesex. Walsley: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

PE review body faces another rebuff by minister

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE government's working party on physical education and sport in state schools could face another ministerial rebuff when its final report is published this month.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, who was unusually critical of the interim report when it was published in February, is studying the final document, which has been drawn up under the chairmanship of Ian Beer, the headmaster of Harrow and a former rugby union international.

In February, Clarke said that PE was a subject primarily concerned with activity. The group has always agreed but, in its final report, the working party, which includes Steve Ovett, the athlete, and Justin Fashanu, the footballer, reiterates that pupils should also think about what they are doing, through planning and evaluation.

The working party still wants all pupils to be able to swim 25 metres and be safe in the water by the age of 11, which is essential for activities like rowing, canoeing and sailing. The government is considering whether money is available for this.

The resolve of the working party has been stiffened by the support that the interim report received from PE teachers. The working party has also tried to simplify much of the text, which Clarke considered too full of jargon. It has been more flexible in many of its recommendations, particularly in the need for a variety of activities.

In the interim report, it stated that children up to the age of 14 should enjoy a balanced curriculum and participate in six categories: games, dance forms, gymnastic activities, athletic activities, swimming, and outdoor education and adventure activities.

Although the working party would still like to see pupils experience all these, it is no longer insisting on this.

The working group has steered clear, too, of recommending how much time should be included for PE in school timetables. Although many teachers and sports bodies consider that PE time has diminished — and will continue to diminish — under the national curriculum, the working party is aware that under the 1988 act, the government is specifically proscribed from laying down how much time should be allocated to subjects.

POWERBOATING

Spirit of Scioli tests field

By BRYAN STILES

AN Argentinian driver, who had an arm sliced off by flying boat debris in a racing accident 18 months ago, is likely to cause a few upsets in the Needles Trophy at Poole, this weekend.

Daniel Scioli's life was saved, after his boat disintegrated in a crash during a 1,000-kilometre race, because a doctor in a chasing boat dived in and blocked off the arteries in the arm.

Scioli survived the physical and psychological traumas before having an artifical arm fitted and going straight back into racing. He has won both opening races in the European Class II championship and is determined to win the third stage on Sunday.

He will also be competing for the Needles Trophy, in which his Buzzi catamaran, with its Seatek engines will be taking on the much more powerful Class I boats.

The Class I driver to beat is Richard Carr, of Bournemouth, who has won the two national races he has entered this year in his new Lamborghini-powered Cougar catamaran. Carr has a six-point lead in the national championship with 22 points.

BOWLS

Shiplake press Bell triple

By GORDON ALLAN

JOHN Bell, of Wigton, and Wynne Richards, of Mid-Surrey, the only internationals in the Woolwich EBA triples championship, progressed to the third round at Worthing yesterday.

Bell, with Paul Barlow and Andrew Baxter, scored five shots over the last two ends to beat Shiplake, Oxfordshire, 23-21 in the morning and had a runaway win against Burn Valley, *Hartlepool, in the afternoon.*

Richards, with Chris Yelland (who won this title in 1972 when he played for St Austell) and Dave Kearns, put out Redland Green, Bristol, after a struggle and Kington, Herefordshire, in reasonable comfort.

The Bray brothers, Richard and Steve, skipping teams from different Cornish clubs, both reached the second round before losing.

Both Dorset triples went through, with Greenhill, skipped by the county team manager, Ron Freeman, recovering to beat South Derbyshire Miners Welfare 17-15.

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TENNIS

Durie holds her nerve to put out Garrison

From BARRY WOOD IN LOS ANGELES

JO DURIE, at the age of 31, produced one of the most remarkable victories of her career by overcoming Zina Garrison in the second round of the Virginia Slims here yesterday.

Her 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 win over the world No. 11 was her best result since she defeated Tracy Austin in 1983 to reach the semi-finals of the French Open.

Perhaps the most noteworthy aspect of the match was the manner in which Durie, ranked No. 160, overcame her failure to convert six match points in the second set. Durie was denied when an ace was overruled, and again when the ball diverted off the net cord.

"The knowledge that I was playing well kept me going, and I kept my nerve," Durie said.

She did so again in the final set when Garrison broke to 5-4, Durie broke back to love and then broke again.

RESULTS: Second round: G Sabatini (Arg) bt P Hy (Can), 6-3, 6-0; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; J Durie (GB) bt Z Garrison (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-5; Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Grossman (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Pierce (US) bt N van Lottum (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt A Dechaume (Fr), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2; G Magers (US) bt G Helgeson (US), 6-4, 7-5; M Paz (Arg) bt N Provis (Aus), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; P Paradis-Magnon (Fr) bt S Martin (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; A Coetzer (SA) bt R White (US), 6-4, 6-4; D Graham (US) bt P Kamstra (Neth), 6-1, 6-0.

The night the world bowed to Mary T

Craig Lord recalls the night an American swimmer set a record almost beyond belief

TEN years ago today, on the closing night of the 1981 United States championships at Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Mary Terstegge Meagher, aged 16, silenced the crowd at Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center. Her 100 metres butterfly time marked the biggest improvement in world swimming since Dawn Fraser graced the waters for Australia in the 1960s.

Three days earlier, the young American had opened the championships with a world record in the 200 metres butterfly. Both of Meagher's records still stand. They miss being the oldest in the book by a month: that honour belongs instead to Ute Geweniger, of East Germany, in the 200 metres individual medley. But the margin between Meagher's best and the best of the rest in the butterfly is the greater and will be remembered the longer.

While Geweniger epitomised the masculine build of the then-dominant East Germans, Meagher, at 5ft 8in and 9st 7lb, cut a refreshingly feminine figure among those who were excelling in the pool at the time.

The tenth of 11 children born to Floy and James Meagher at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1964, Mary T, as she was known by her team colleagues, was a shy but "unusually motivated" teenager.

Bill Peak, her coach, recalling the last night at Brown Deer, said the moment when the record time showed on the scoreboard as his pupil hit the wall was followed by several seconds of the kind of silence borne of disbelief.

Meagher had taken the record down from 59.26sec to 57.93. Her effort stands among the great performances in sporting history and is comparable, both in its impact on the night and resilience since, to that of Bob Beamon's long jump at the 1968 Olympic Games.

"I can still picture it, still feel it," Peak says. "When she touched at the 50 in 27.7 seconds, I threw my clipboard in the air because I knew a 57.9 was in reach. When the time flashed, there was silence. I have never seen anything like it. People were thinking 'hey, wait, that's a mistake'. The crowd let the time sink in, then erupted."

Karen Moe Thornton, a former Olympic butterfly champion, says the race was "the most perfect ever swum", with each stroke, the turn and finish executed without fault and made to look easy. Meagher's own recollection is that the race "felt so easy" and was one of the few occasions of her career when "the last ten metres didn't hurt".

Her mark remains unchallenged, the nearest being a second away by Wang Xiaohong and Qian Hong, of China. For good measure, the American holds 11 of the top 20 all-time 100 metres swims.

Her 200-metre effort of 2min 05.96 was more believable in 1981, but now seems even less vulnerable than the 100 metres time. Summer Sanders, of the United States, took 2min 09.24sec to become world champion in January this year, a time slower than all Meagher's 18 entries on the list of the best 20 all-time performances.

The boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics deprived Meagher, almost certainly, of two gold medals. However, between 1982 and 1988, when she retired, her personal medal table reached three golds and one bronze at two Olympic Games, and two gold, two silver and one bronze in two world championships.

Meagher, who now works as a bank clerk, has said she still believes she could have swum 2min 03sec for 200 metres. "I always felt that as I got older and stronger I would get faster, but I never learned how to use the new strength and growth. I didn't learn to put all the pieces together."

None the less, the jigsaw she completed ten years ago looks as solid now as it did then.

A RECORD STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

WORLD RECORD
Mary T. Meagher (US)
57.93 sec
Aug 16 1981

NEXT BEST
Wang Xiaohong (China)
58.87 sec
(1990)

WORLD BEST 1991
Quin Hong (China)
59.68 sec

BRITISH RECORD
Madeline Campbell
1 min 1.33 sec
(1990)

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Salisbury

Going: firm

2.10 (6f) 1, Distinct Thatcher (B Raymond, 7-2); 2, *Asian Punter (9-4 fav)*; 3, *Blue Is True* (3-1). 6 ran. 5l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.10; £2.30, £1.80. DF: £7.00. CSF: £10.74. 1min 15.36sec.

2.45 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Petite Rosanna (T Williams, 2-1); 2, Spurned (6-4 fav); 3, *Bighayir* (2-1). 3 ran. Hd, 6l. W Carter. Tote: £2.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.66. 2min 09.92sec.

3.15 (7f) 1, Silver Wisp (Paul Eddery, 5-2); 2, Green's Colourist (7-4 fav); 3, Sylvan Sabre (15-2). 6 ran. 5l, 1l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £2.60. CSF: £7.31. 1min 27.22sec.

3.45 (1m 6f) 1, Requested (A Munro, 7-1); 2, Kiska (9-2); 3, Kilcam (5-1). Brandon Prince 11-4 fav. 6 ran. 4l, 2½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £10.30; £2.10, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £22.10. CSF: £36.38. Tricast: £154.70. 3min 0.73sec.

4.15 (7f) 1, Millers Tale (R Cochrane, 5-2); 2, Lochsong (12-1); 3, Tanagrus (7-1). Bazik 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Harry's Joy. 3l, 2l. G Harwood. Tote: £3.80; £2.70, £5.40. DF: £21.80. CSF: £27.18. 1min 28.48sec.

4.45 (1m) 1, Great Hand (J Williams, 13-2); 2, Pet Shop Boy (25-1); 3, Brother Ray (13-2); 4, *Charmed Knave* (20-1). Mai Pen Rai 6-1 fav. 18 ran. 4l, ¾l. D Wilson. Tote: £8.40; £1.40, £8.40, £1.70, £7.70. DF: £207.10. CSF: £141.30. Tricast: £1,008.08. 1min 41.52sec.

Placepot: £182.20.

Beverley

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 35yd) 1, Kingsley (F Norton, 4-5 fav); 2, Miners Law (9-4); 3, Sonny's Game (20-1). 4 ran. NR: Commanche Lad. 6l, 2½l. Miss S Wilton. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.86. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.00 (7f 100yd) 1, Bassio (Mick Denaro, 4-1); 2, Spout House (10-1); 3, Reach For Glory (7-1). Hi-Dol 7-2 fav. 7 ran. 10l, 2l. C Allen. Tote: £5.20; £3.10, £4.90. DF: £39.50. CSF: £35.41.

3.30 (7f 100yd) 1, Wild Prospect (M Birch, 3-1 fav); 2, Marcroft (6-1); 3, Spanish Verdict (8-1). 7 ran. Nk, ½l. C Tinkler. Tote: £3.80; £2.50, £2.80. DF: £12.70. CSF: £20.26. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (5f) 1, Seamere (J Lowe, 6-1); 2, Real Stunner (10-1); 3, Fiddling (13-8 fav). 9 ran. ½l, 1½l. B Cambidge. Tote: £7.30; £2.20, £4.50, £1.50. DF: £73.00. CSF: £59.17. Tricast: £128.93.

4.30 (2m 35yd) 1, Green Lane (S O'Gorman, 4-1); 2, My Desire (7-4 fav); 3, Farsi (12-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. I Balding. Tote: £4.90; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £5.70. CSF: £11.04.

5.00 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Anafi (W Ryan, 4-5 fav); 2, Bold Elect (12-1); 3, Camarat (9-2). 6 ran. 3l, ½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £3.10. DF: £8.50. CSF: £9.68.

5.30 (5f) 1, Fiction (W R Swinburn, 1-2 fav); 2, Never Late (3-1); 3, Riskmemay (25-1). 4 ran. 1l, 12l. I Balding. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.31.

Placepot: £87.40.

Southwell

Going: good to firm (turf); standard (all-weather)

2.35 (5f) 1, Greetland Rock (G Carter, 8-1); 2, Lady of The Fen (13-2); 3, Ricketty (20-1); 4, King Victor (6-1 fav). 18 ran. 1l, 1l. J Berry. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £2.00, £6.70, £2.30. DF: £12.10. CSF: £57.17. Tricast: £928.98.

3.05 (1m 3f) 1, Pims Gunner (G Duffield, 11-8); 2, Super Virtuosa (4-5 fav); 3, Flash Bulb (9-1). 9 ran. NR: Kind Style. 2½l, 10l. W Haggas. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.06.

3.35 1, African Chimes (Emma O'Gorman, 7-2 Fav); 2, Lily's Lover (20-1); 3, Sandmoor Denim (7-1). 13 ran. NR: Cool Enough. Hd, ¾l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £4.20; £1.20, £5.20, £1.80. DF: £169.60. CSF: £87.40. Tricast: £444.18.

4.05 (2m 2f) 1, Malamute Saloon (L Newton, 8-2); 2, Autonomous (9-2); 3, Seldom In (8-2). 3, St Arkda 4-1 fav. 8 ran. 10l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.20; £1.90, £1.80, £1.20. DF: £20.90. CSF: £23.58. Tricast: £87.02.

4.35 (1m) 1, Tyrian Purple (M Humphries, 7-4 fav); 2, Jet Pet (9-1); 3, Shine On Brightly (4-1). 11 ran. 2l, 2½l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £13.20. CSF: £18.84. Tricast: £56.02.

5.05 (1m) 1, Berlin Wall (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Tear Alexis (4-1); 3, Mac's Princess (5-4 Fav). 8 ran. 1½l, ¾l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £8.10; £2.10, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £20.50. CSF: £28.37. Placepot: £24.60.

Newton Abbot

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Timid (P Scudamore, 5-2); 2, Sinclair Boy (6-4 fav); 3, Royal Resort (33-1). 8 ran. 7l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.20, £3.10. DF: £4.10. CSF: £6.20.

2.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Blake's Progress (M Foster, 5-4 fav); 2, Laharna Girl (7-1); 3, Northern Halo (7-2). 5 ran. 1l, 25l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £7.10. CSF: £9.13.

3.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, Driving Force (G McCourt, 4-11 fav); 2, Shalchlo Boy (6-1); 3, West Fallis (66-1). 10 ran. 2l, 25l. M McCourt. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.60, £11.60. DF: £4.00. CSF: £3.74.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, No Bonus (N Coleman, 7-2); 2, Snooker Table (7-2); 3, Seven Sons (8-1). Sweet Glow 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 7l, 2l. J Baker. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £2.40. DF: £5.00. CSF: £15.90

4.15 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, Dunraven Royal (D Morris, 13-8); 2, Turnberry Dawn (8-13 fav). 3 ran. NR: Kilbanon. Only two finished. 8l. R Curtis. Tote: £2.70. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.85.

4.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, The Blue Boy (P Scudamore, 1-3 fav); 2, Dulzura (16-1); 3, Trust Deed (11-1). 8 ran. 20l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £6.20. CSF: £7.56.

Placepot: £76.60.

☐ Maraakiz, who landed Turkey's Bosphorus Trophy for John Dunlop in July, could return to Istanbul next month. The colt is one of 22 from outside Turkey entered in the Jockey Club Cup, the most valuable of two international races held at the capital's Veliefendi Hippodrome on September 7 and 8.

☐ Walter Swinburn returned to race-riding after a month's absence with broken collarbone when Fiction won the Routh Maiden Fillies' Stakes at Beverley yesterday. Fiction, owned by The Queen, is trained by Ian Balding.

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Prospects for European success are heightened

Durie arrives just in time to boost Tottenham's hopes

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GORDON Durie completed a £2.2 million move from Chelsea to Tottenham Hotspur yesterday, in time to beat the European transfer deadline and enabling him to bolster Tottenham's challenge for the Cup Winners' Cup, which begins against Sparkasse Stockerau in Vienna next Wednesday.

Durie, aged 25, had hoped to return to his native Scotland, but when Rangers failed to follow up their initial interest, Tottenham increased an earlier offer for theScottish international forward.

Durie is expected to make his debut at Southampton on Saturday. Terry Venables, the Tottenham managing director, said: "I desperately wanted to strengthen the squad for Europe, and I am pleased to have signed a player of Gordon's quality. We have eased our financial difficulties and it shows our supporters we have made significant strides since taking over the club."

Tottenham's former England goalkeeper, Ray Clemence, has re-signed as cover for the European tie. Clemence, aged 43, who has not played a competitive match for three years, will be called into the squad if Erik *Thorstvedt or Ian Walker are* injured.

Clemence: covering role

Sheffield Wednesday are to receive an undisclosed amount of compensation from Aston Villa after their manager, Ron Atkinson, left Hillsborough for Villa Park in June with two years of his agreement still to run.

Atkinson returns to Hillsborough on Saturday when Villa meet Wednesday on the first weekend of the season.

Villa, meanwhile, have announced plans to redevelop the Witton Lane stand at Villa Park at a cost of nearly £8 million. Ellis hopes the club will be ready to stage matches if the 1996 European championships are held in England.

The first division neighbours, Nottingham Forest and Notts County, could be sharing a £45 million all-seat stadium by the 1993-4 season.

The construction of a 45,000 capacity stadium on the outskirts of Nottingham moved a step nearer yesterday when Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the Football League, chaired a meeting with city council officials at which it was decided to officially approach both clubs with the proposal.

Jack Steedman has resigned as president of the Scottish Football League to concentrate on reviving the fortunes of his club, Clydebank.

Swedish supporters were undeterred by high prices when tickets for the 1992 European championship finals went on sale yesterday. Nine thousand of the 230,000 available tickets were bought in the first four hours.

The York City forward, Ian Helliwell, has moved to Scunthorpe United for £80,000. Lincoln City have paid Port Vale £25,000 for their former defender, Gary West. The former West Bromwich Albion full back, Derek Statham, has signed for Walsall.

CYCLING

Sturgess lifts British mood with championship best

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

COLIN Sturgess capped an exhilarating qualifying round in the world professional 5,000 metres pursuit championship here yesterday when he set a championship best time of 5min 35.02sec. The Belgian-based rider beat Viatislav Ekimov, of the Soviet Union, the defending champion and the previous record-holder, by four seconds.

The mood in the British camp had a further lift when Shaun Wallace, who lives and races in the United States, finished third fastest qualifier, only half a second behind Sturgess, who won the world title at his first attempt in 1989. Wallace led the field at 4,000 metres but just failed to hold the pace in the closing two laps.

Tuesday's amateur pursuit times underlined the speed of the 285-metre wooden track at the Hanns-Martin-Schleyer Halle and Sturgess, trained by his father, Alan, began to adjust his thinking about the advisable schedule for the qualifying competition. Eight places were available to the 19 entrants.

Mike McCarthy, of the United States, third last year, set the standard with 5min 39sec. Alan Sturgess reduced his son's schedule by two seconds to 5min 37sec.

On the first three laps of the 14-lap test Sturgess was one second adrift of schedule but did not panic and covered the first kilometre in 1min 6.58sec. Back on schedule, he rode as though controlled by a metronome. A fast final kilometre of 1min 4.69sec ensured victory as he overtook Wallace and Francis Moreau, of France, silver medal winner last year, who has made the event his speciality.

The qualifying eight meet in the quarter-finals on the basis of fastest versus slowest. Sturgess is matched against his Tulip team colleague, Peter Pieters, of The Netherlands.

With the Barcelona Olympics in mind, Sally Dawes, aged 18 and still a junior, was entered for the women's 3,000 metres pursuit. She improved 12 seconds on her winning British championship time, recording 3min 47.24sec for tenth place. Dawes is the busiest rider in the national squad. She next has the track points race, followed by the road team time-trial and the individual road race.

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RUGBY UNION

Soviets agree to give World Cup pre-test

THE Soviet Union will field their strongest available XV, in response to England's request, when the sides meet at Twickenham on September 7 in the home country's most significant warm-up game before the World Cup (David Hands writes). The Soviet party, captained by Sergei Molchanov, includes two Barbarians, Igor Mironov (57 caps) and Alexandr Tikhonov (46 caps).

"We wanted to ensure the best possible test for England before the World Cup," Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) secretary, said.

Wood was in Moscow earlier this year and the visit to England, who seconded the Soviet Union case for associate membership of the International Rugby Football Board last year, is perceived as one of the most significant steps to be taken by the Soviet federation.

The RFU has assisted the visit by helping to fund a larger than usual party of 33 and offering television coverage to the Soviet Union. Although they play only one other match (against Combined London Old Boys at Croxley Green on September 3), the Soviets are also bringing two of their leading referees to expose them to overseas conditions.

The Soviets will host a visit next May by the Barbarians who play the national side in Moscow and a Soviet Students XV in Leningrad.

Only a few tickets have been sold for September 7.

EQUESTRIANISM

British settle for third in Dunhill Prize

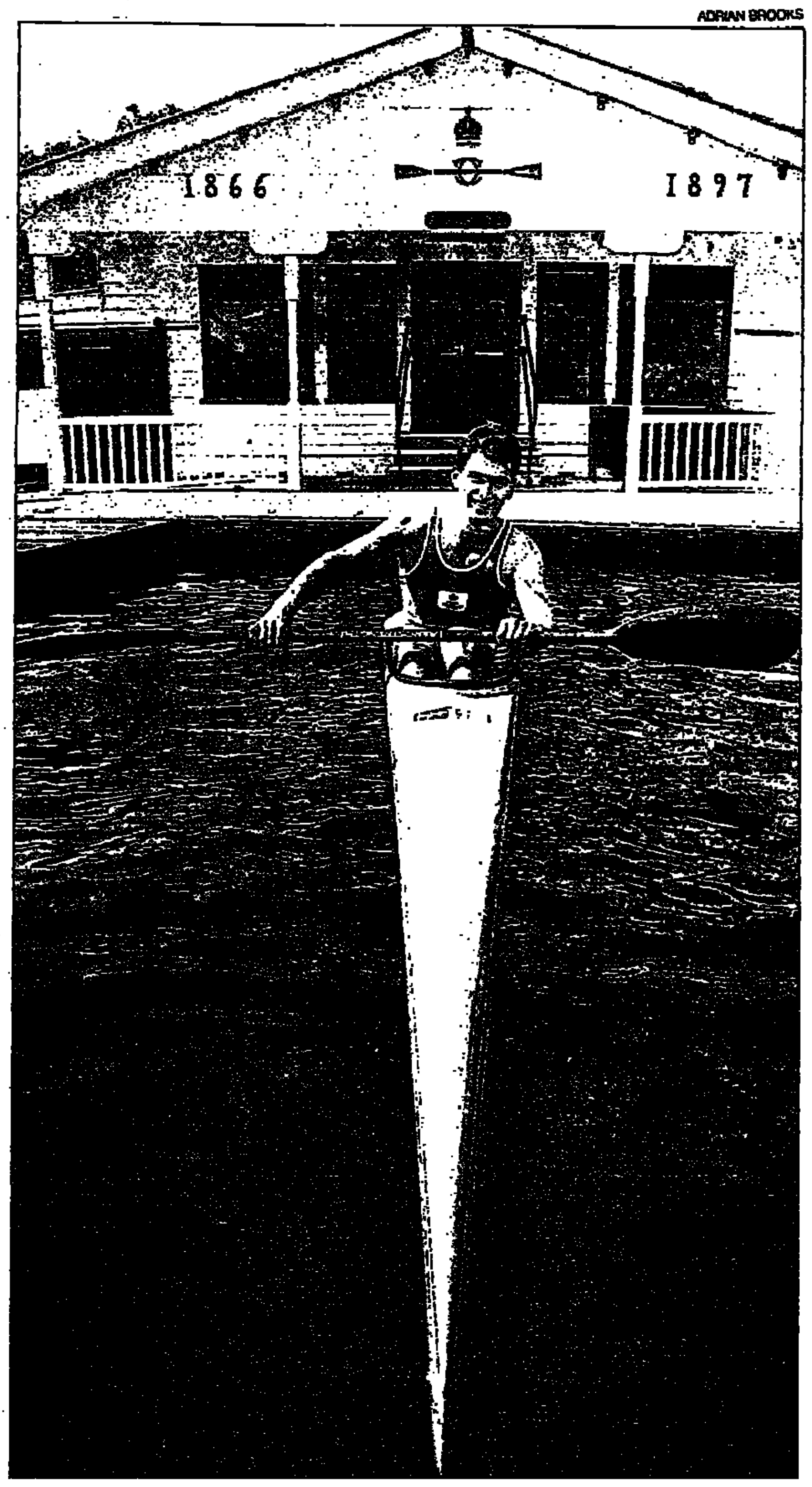
JOHN Whitaker's third place on Henderson Irmino in the Dunhill Prize, the opening competition of the Rotterdam show, was the best that the British team could achieve yesterday (Findlay Davidson writes). The victory went to Germany's Franke Sloothaak on Optiebeurs John Blunt.

Ronnie Massarella, making his Nations Cup selection for the British team, has chosen Peter Murphy, who partners the young grey, Faldo.

RESULTS: Dunhill Prize: 1, Optiebeurs John Blunt (F Sloothaak, Ger), 0 faults, 52.58sec; 2, Optiebeurs Flinte (L Philippaerts, Bel), 0, 53.57; 3, Henderson Irmino (J Whitaker, GB), 0, 54.78. Minolta Prize: 1, Optiebeurs Libero (J Lansink, Neth), 0, 32.41; 2, Optiebeurs Walzerkonig (F Sloothaak, Ger), 0, 33.28; 3, Raspail (R-Y Bost, Fr), 0, 33.65.

Canoeists making waves on the river

By ALIX RAMSAY



ADRIAN BROOKS

Ready for the off: Dresser prepares in front of the RCC boathouse at Teddington

CANOEING has a tough time, being regarded as the poor relation of rowing. Britain wins medals in rowing while canoeing is just messing about in boats. The fact that Britain wins medals in canoeing and that messing about in boats — be they canoes, dinghys or rowing boats — is one of Britain's favourite pastimes, seems to escape the critics.

On Saturday, more than 250 paddlers will take to the Thames between Windsor and Teddington in the biggest canoeing event to be held in Britain since the world championships in 1988. The 24½-mile marathon will be contested by 18 countries, with the Hungarian world champion, Kalman Petrovis, and his Swedish rival, Stefan Gustaffson, leading the pack.

The race is to mark the 125th anniversary of the Royal Canoe Club (RCC) in Teddington. The club was founded in 1866 by John McGregor in the days when canoeing was for the wealthy, if not the wise. Off they went, exploring the world in their boats, up the Amazon and down the Nile. They were described in the newspapers either as eccentric, irresponsible or just plain potty.

It was very much a gentleman's club, a traditional establishment. Women were admitted eventually and reluctantly. But the 1960s took their toll on everything, including the RCC. Over the last 20 years, the club has expanded to take in serious flat-water racing, white-water canoeing, slalom and — something to make McGregor turn in his grave — dragon boat racing.

The idea to hold the marathon came from Guy Dresser while he was in Stockholm with some canoeing friends. The conversation turned to the RCC's anniversary and Dresser announced the club would be holding a race to mark the occasion. His friends said they would come, leaving Dresser with either a race to organise or a great deal of explaining to do.

Together with the British Canoe Union, Dresser and the club applied for, and won, the right to stage a grand prix. Since September, Dresser has been organising and scheming and in the last weeks, the club has been painted and polished in preparation for Saturday.

The number of entries has staggered Dresser and his colleagues and what has pleased them most are the 80 domestic entries. "We have been trying to get away from the macho-man image in canoeing, trying to convince people that it is not just about Eskimo rolls and getting wet," he said.

Dresser is a serious canoeist aiming at the world sprint championships next week. But getting wet is not one of his hobbies. Watching the sludge-coloured Thames chugging by the clubhouse, you can see why. "I wouldn't go swimming it that if you paid me," he said.

The only thing that can spoil the marathon is the weather. The better it is, the greater the chance that the Thames will be covered in pleasure boats. Dresser has managed to get the start and the finish of the race roped off but there are still the 20 odd miles in between. So if you are on the Thames this Saturday and see a canoeist, leave him alone. He knows what he's doing and where he is going. Like you, he is just messing about in boats.

British blame Fastnet Race tactics for defeat in Admiral's Cup

Italian appeal wins rights of Passage

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PASSAGE, Raul Gardini's Italian maxi, skippered by Grant Dalton, was awarded the Fastnet Trophy yesterday after the Royal Ocean Racing Club agreed to reinstate yachts rating over the maximum 70ft level into the main result.

The German Frers-designed yacht led the fleet throughout the 605-mile Fastnet course, to post a time 52 minutes inside the corrected time of the leading Admiral's Cup yacht, Corum Diamant, which is relegated to second overall.

Light winds again held the remaining fleet at bay overnight and by yesterday afternoon the race organisers had logged-in just 67 of the 238 starters. Cascade, the last of the yachts, rounded the Rock shortly after 9pm on Wednesday and is not expected to reach the finish until the weekend.

Despite the light winds experienced during much of the race, several yachts were forced to retire through damage, including Hunter's Child, the 60ft BOC that was expected to challenge the maxis.

Line honours in the Channel handicap division went to Crispian Hotson's 54ft Dubois-designed Dump Truck, but she was beaten on handicap by Yellow and Blue, the French Beneteau production cruiser that was at the centre of a measurement argument last month. Third place went to Britain's former America's Cup challenger, Crusader.

After a night of celebrating an unexpected French victory in the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, the toast yesterday was still to Jean Yves Bernot, their weather-routing expert, who picked the shifts that lifted Corum Saphir to the top of the points table.

The American yacht, Bravura, with the former British One Ton Cup winner, David Howlett, calling the tactical shots, won the Two Ton class ahead the world champion, Larouge, from Italy. Its teammate, Brava, skippered by Francesco de Angelis, was awarded victory in the One Ton class ahead of Port Pendennis, *skippered in this last* race by Andrew Hurst.

The unexpected French win resulted from the team's willingness to gamble heavily on their own weather-routing intuition while the other leading teams, including the British, remained locked in a covering battle that sank all their challenges. "We were racing to team orders," Vincente Geeke, the navigator on Port Pendennis, said. "We were told to stick with the Italians and Americans as far as the Bishop Rock."

Yesterday, Iain Macdonald Smith, the British team director, admitted that their close covering tactics had been a mistake. "*The French went into the* Fastnet Race with a win-or-bust attitude. The Italians, who led the series, had to keep the British and American yachts together. We played into their hands," he said.

If the British were disappointed at slipping to fourth in the standings, the Americans were even more so after the closeness of their defeat. The difference between first and third in the overall standings rested on the two-place difference of the American champion One-Tonner, Vibes.

Had she finished third in the Fastnet Race, the Cup would have gone to the Americans for the first time since 1969. Instead, she slipped to fifth close to the finish, dropping the team two places in the standings.

RESULTS FROM PLYMOUTH

CHAMPAGNE MUMM ADMIRAL'S CUP: Final team positions (with placings of 50ft, Two Ton and One Ton yachts in Fastnet race): 1, France (1, 2, 1), 138.75pts; 2, Italy (6, 5, 2), 138.13, 3, United States (4, 1, 5), 134; 4, Britain (7, 7, 4), 112.88; 5, Germany (3, 4, 7), 102; 6, Denmark (5, 6, 3), 99; 7, Japan (2, DNC, 8), 66.75; 8, Australia (8, 3, 6), 62.
Fastnet Race (after appeal): Class 1 (IOR): 1, Passage (G Dalton, NZ); 2, Corum Diamant (X Phelipon, Fr); 3, Brava (F de Angelis, It); 4, Zurich Forsikring (J Host, Den); 5, Port Pendennis (A Hurst, GB). Class 3 (CHS): 1, Yellow and Blue (J Furic, Fr); 2, Dump Truck (C Hotson, GB); 3, Crusader (R Matthews, GB); 4, Spirit of Scotland (K Beeg, GB); 5, Legend (B Elgaard, Swe)
Admiral's Cup Fastnet Race: 50ft class: 1, Corum Saphir (L Gellusseau, Fr); 2, Will (T Toya, Japan); 3, Container (B Beilken, Ger); 4, Champosa VII (K Worthington, US); 5, Mandrake Krizia (J Kolius, It). Two Ton class: 1, Bravura (R Towse, US); 2, Corum Rubis; 3, Bimblegumbie (K Jacobs, Aus); 4, Rubin XII (R Reemtsma, Ger); 5, Larouge (L Bortolotti, It). One Ton class: 1, Corum Diamant; 2, Brava; 3, Zurich Forsikring (J Host, Den); 4, Port Pendennis (A Hurst, GB); 5, Vibes (D Clarke, US)

GOLF

Another English threat for Moodie

By PATRICIA DAVIES

JANICE Moodie, of Scotland, and Joanne Hockley, of England, meet in the semi-finals of the British girls' championship at Whitchurch, Cardiff, today and Stephanie Dallongeville, of France, plays Maria Hjorth, of Sweden.

In the first round yesterday, Moodie, the Scottish girls' champion, looked suitably satisfied after beating Nicola Buxton, the double English champion, 4 and 3.

In the afternoon, Moodie, three up after ten against Anna Lindblom, of Sweden, became a little ragged and was back to square after 17. The Swede drove into the lily pond at the 18th and a par five saw the Scot through.

Hockley, from Suffolk, also won at the last in the afternoon, having been two down with five to play against the elegant Spaniard, Estefania Knuth. Knuth, one down at the 18th, holed from 40 feet for a birdie four but Hockley sank her own birdie putt, from five feet, to stay ahead.

Charlotte Copping, from Torquay, beat Vanessa Vignali, of Spain, at the 22nd in the morning but found Hjorth a tougher proposition. All square after 12, Copping lost the next four holes.

RESULTS: First round: S Dallongeville (Fr) bt L Navarro (Sp), 3 and 2; M Olivero (Arg) bt A Rogers (The Island), 5 and 3, M Hjorth (Swe) bt A Berg (Swe), 5 and 4, C Copping (Torquay) bt V Vignali (Sp), 22nd; J Moodie (Windyhill) bt N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), 4 and 3: A Lindblom (Swe) bt C Afzelius-Alm (Swe), 4 and 2. J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) bt F Rossary (Fr), 4 and 3; E Knuth (Sp) bt B Chretien (Fr), 4 and 3. Quarter-finals: Dallongeville bt Olivero, 5 and 3: Hjorth bt Copping, 4 and 2: Moodie bt Lindblom, 1 hole: Hockley bt Knuth, 1 hole.

☐ Robert Walton, from Calcot Park, today meets the Spaniard, Francisco Valera, in the final of the British boys' championship at Montrose. Yesterday he defeated Iain Pyman in the quarter-finals on the first extra hole after trailing by three after ten holes. In his 6 and 4 defeat of Welshman, Richard Tang, in the semi-final he won four consecutive holes from the 11th.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Walton (Calcot Park) bt I Pyman (Sand Moor), 19th, R Tang (Mountain Lakes) bt K Nolan (Bray), 3 and 2; C Hanell (Swe) bt R Coughlan (Birr), 1 hole; F Valera (Sp) bt B Davis (East Herts), 19th. Semi-finals: Walton bt Tang, 6 and 4, Valera bt Hanell, 20th.

SWIMMING

Coaches face a shut-out

By CRAIG LORD

SWIMMING coaches have been warned by the British Olympic Association (BOA) to expect to be spectators with little or no contact with their charges during the Barcelona Games next year.

The system of allocating extra day-passes to those not part of the official team staff, which has operated at all previous modern Games, has been dropped because of pressure on facilities. Non-staff coaches will, therefore, not be allowed in the village or at poolside.

A letter containing the warning from the BOA to the Amateur Swimming Federation *of Great Britain has been* reprinted in the latter's Olympic policy document to coaches.

The pre-selection of team staff may exacerbate the problem: while Terry Denison, the head coach, is likely to have a number of swimmers on the team, including Adrian Moorhouse, his assistants, Bob Pay and Jim Park, are not.

With the team moving from a training camp at Canet, France, into the village a week before racing starts on July 26, swimmers such as Nick Gillingham and Karen Pickering will complete the crucial last stage of their preparations without their coaches.

☐ Ian Wilson, Great Britain's 1,500 metres record-holder, has received a £5,000 *Times*/Minet sponsorship award.

Snooker record

SEAN Storey missed ten successive snookers as he and Graham Cripsey set a record for the highest aggregate score in a single frame during the first round of the Asian Open at Stoke yesterday.

Despite those lapses, Storey, who won 5-1, took the final frame 93-92.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Kelly Shelford, the New Zealand international half back, is joining Warrington.

BOXING: Antonio Renzo, of Italy, retained his European lightweight title when he knocked out Paul Charters, of Britain, in the eleventh round in Alcamo, Sicily.

CRICKET: Major Douglas Carr, secretary of Derbyshire from 1962 to 1975, has died at the age of 70.

HOCKEY: Agreement has been reached in principle to the merger of the Pizza Express London League with the Peroni South League at first and second XI level for the 1992-3 season.

REAL TENNIS: The world No. 1 amateur, Julian Snow of England, lost unexpectedly to his Australian rival, Mike Happell, in four sets in the semi-final of the Tasmanian Open championships.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

CROYDON: Reebok Challenge: Men: Mile: 1, J Nuttall (Preston), 3min 59.83sec; 2, W Dee (Luton), 3:59.87.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 2, Chicago Cubs 0; San Francisco Giants 8, Atlanta Braves 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Philadelphia Phillies 3; St Louis Cardinals 5, New York Mets 4; San Diego Padres 4, Houston Astros 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Cincinnati Reds 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City Royals 5, New York Yankees 1; Baltimore Orioles 10, Texas Rangers 2; Boston Red Sox 2, Cleveland Indians 1; Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit Tigers 8; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 3; California Angels 7, Minnesota Twins 4; Seattle Mariners 4, Oakland A's 0.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: United States men's hardcourt championship: Second round: B Becker (Ger) bt D Pate (US), 6-3, 6-2; D Wheaton (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-4, 7-6; A Volkov (USSR) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 7-6, 6-2; R Fromberg (Aus) bt B Steven (NZ), 6-2, 6-2; T Mayotte (US) bt G Forget (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; P McEnroe (US) bt S Pescosolido (It), 7-6, ret; S Bryan (US) bt C N'Goran (Iv C), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-4, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt R Weiss (US), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; A Agassi (US) bt K Kinnear (US), 7-6, 7-5.
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: International men's tournament: Second round: S Edberg (Swe) bt M Washington (US), 6-4, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; R Reneberg (US) w o P Annacone (US), ret; J Svensson (Swe) bt M Kaplan (SA), 6-4, 6-3; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; D Rostagno (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 7-6, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt A Mancini (Arg), 7-5, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt J Frana (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; O Camporese (It) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-4, 7-6; R Krajicek (Neth) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-5, 6-3; M Rosset (Switz) bt O Delaitre (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; F Roese (Br) bt B Shelton (US), 7-5, 3-6, 6-4; J McEnroe (US) bt L Mattar (Br), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Asian Open: Third preliminary round (England unless stated): A Hamilton bt R Marshall, 5-0; M Smith bt W King (Aus), 5-2; P Ebdon bt J Wych (Can), 5-2; A McManus (Scot) bt K Ashby, 5-2; D Morgan (Wales) bt S Judd, 5-1; M Johnston-Allen bt P Browne (Ire), 5-4.

BOWLS

WORTHING: EBA national championships: Triples: First round: Sleaford Town (Lincs) bt Ashby-de-la-Zouch (Leics), 28-9; Summertown (Oxon) bt Kineton (Warwicks), 25-14; Brampton Institute (Hunts) bt Avon Sports (Melksham), 29-9; St Austell bt Shanklin (IoW), 26-7; Boscombe Cliff (L Pull) bt Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, 16-13; Kingsthorpe (Northants) bt Weybridge (Surrey), 25-8; Newton Hall (Lancs) bt Kodak (Middlesex), 18-12; Aylesbury Town bt Burnham-on-Crouch Hillside (Essex), 34-4; City of Exeter bt Park Avenue, Grimsby, 37-5; Eaton Socon (Beds) bt Thatcham (Berks), 19-10; Totland (IoW) bt Midland Electric (Worcs), 27-5; Mid-Surrey bt Redland Green, Bristol, 18-13; Torquay bt Gloucester City, 22-16; Folkestone Park (G Chadford) bt Whittlesey Manor (Cambs), 21-12; Mansfield Colliery (Notts) bt Cockton Hill (Durham), 20-17; Portland (Northumberland) bt Bredon (Worcs), 21-11; Herts (Watford) bt Bulmers (Hereford), 21-15; Pianoforte Supplies (Northants) bt Wolverton Town (Bucks), 15-13; Greenhill (Dorset) bt Folkestone Park, 20-17; Derby West End bt Pound Hill (Crawley), 22-8; Hemingford (Hunts) bt Imperial (Bristol), 18-13; Stenalees (Cornwall) bt Broomfield (Middlesex), 18-16; York Railway Institute Amateurs bt St Edmundsbury (Suffolk), 19-11; Wigton (Cumbria) bt Shiplake (Oxon), 23-21; Langford (Beds) bt Saxmundham (Suffolk), 20-19; Kington (Herefordshire) bt Romsey (Cambs), 20-17; Burn Valley (Hartlepool) bt Boscombe Cliff (J Plomer), 21-17; Metropolitan Police, Bushey (Herts) bt North Walsham EBA (Norfolk), 21-7; Chippenham Park (Wilts) bt Boots Athletic (Notts), 22-17; Pegasus (Essex) bt Alnwick (Northumberland), 20-12.
NORTHFIELD: Scottish women's championships: Singles: First round: J Wilson (Castlehill) bt H McCabe (Tollcross), 25-10; M Connell (Thurso) bt M McGuire (Bonnybridge), 25-14; S Ferguson (Bridge of Weir) bt P Hay (Carrickknowe), 25-10; S Gourlay (Arnbank) bt M Lister (Leslie), 25-11; C Savage (Dalry) bt S Hogg (Uphall Station), 25-24; G Brittain (Cardonald) bt C McIntosh (Stonehaven), 25-22; J Mansell (Castle Douglas) bt P MacFarlane (Glasgow University Staff), 25-15; J McBeth (Singer) bt J Hart (Blantyre), 25-18.

BOXING

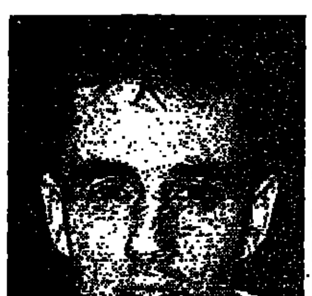
ALCAMO, Sicily: European lightweight championship: Antonio Renzo (It, holder) ko Paul Charters (GB), 11th rnd.
LA SEYNE-SUR-MER, France: European light-middleweight championship: Jean-Claude Fontana (Fr) bt Mourad Louati (Neth, holder), rsf 4th rnd.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE 2ND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Collingham: Sussex 438-6 (K Greenfield 101, R Hanley 81, B Williams 72 not out, J Smith 53) v Nottinghamshire. Halesowen: Derbyshire 378-9 dec (Iftikhar Ahmed 165; R P Gofton 4-56); Worcestershire 15-1. Walmley: Gloucestershire 333-9 dec (A J Hunt 92, T H C Hancock 89, E T Milburn 75); Warwickshire 42-0. Weston-super-Mare: Middlesex 389 v Somerset. Usk: Glamorgan 303-9 dec (J R A Williams 112, M L Roberts 57); Yorkshire 27-3.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Beaconsfield: Shropshire 185-9 and 160 (T J A Scriven 6-57); Buckinghamshire 125 and 165 (A S Barnard 4-34, G Edmunds 4-30). Shropshire won by 65 runs. Torquay: Devon 224-4 (S N Willis 100) and 10-0; Oxfordshire 203-8 dec.
ESSO UNDER-19 FESTIVAL: Surrey 207-6 (M Church 94 not out; A Richard 4-75); Essex 204-9 (J Chambers 59; A Hollyoake 4-54). Surrey won by three runs. Lincolnshire 174-8 (M Dowman 52; M Taylor 4-59, J Fielding 4-60). Lancashire 175-2 (S Speak 75 not out). Lancashire won by 8 wkts. Middlesex 333; Northamptonshire 190-4. Middlesex won by 143 runs. Bedfordshire 174 (N Rutherford 4-72); Suffolk 175-8; Suffolk won by 2 wkts. Leicestershire 185-4 (T Adcock 54, D Maddy 64); Nottinghamshire 182-8 (L Hart 4-50). Leicestershire won by 3 runs. Huntingdonshire and Peterborough 173 (A Craig 55; D Cousins 4-67); Cambridgeshire 175-2 (R Hesketh 62 not out, R Weston 55). Cambridgeshire won by 8 wkts. Staffordshire 356-9 (S Price 121, T Tweats 77; A Hyde 5-110); Shropshire 312 (C Martin 140, G Byron 61, N Bratt 4-47). Staffordshire won by 44 runs. Glamorgan 367-7 (A Jones 58); Hampshire 200 (R Miller 58; S Jones 4-25). Glamorgan won by 167 runs. Buckinghamshire 231-6 (J Harrison 84); Wiltshire 170 (J Gear 5-72). Buckinghamshire won by 61 runs. Kent 238-4 (J Barr 143, S Warley 64); Worcestershire 200 (S Collins 75; J Barr 5-13). Kent won by 38 runs. Oxfordshire 184-7; Hertfordshire 185-3 (S Moffat 88 not out, N Bowyer 58). Hertfordshire won by 7 wkts. Somerset 230-8 (G Bennett 98 not out; D Alleyne 4-40); Warwickshire 166. Somerset won by 64 runs. Gloucestershire 207-8 (K Brittain 101 not out); Derbyshire 196-9 (A Richardson 63 not out). Gloucestershire won by 11 runs.

CYCLING

STUTTGART: World championships: Men: Professional sprint: Final: C Hall (Aus, 11.11sec, 11.17) bt F Colas (Fr), 2-0. Third place: S Pate (Aus, 11.20, 10.97) bt C Golinelli (It, 11.13), 2-1. Professional pursuit: Qualifiers for quarter-finals: C Sturgess (GB), 5min 35.028sec; F Moreau (Fr), 5:35.392; S Wallace (GB), 5:35.562; M McCarthy (US), 5:39.875, V Ekimov (USSR), 5:40.555; D Woods (Aus), 5:41.572; A Davis (Aus), 5:42.121; P Pieters (Neth), 5:44.502. Amateur sprint: Semi-finals: B Huck (Ger, 11.11sec, 10.82) bt G Neiwand (Aus, 10.89), 2-1, J Fiedler (Ger, 10.79, 11.00) bt K Harnett (Can), 2-0. Amateur 4km individual pursuit: Final: J Lehmann (Ger, 4min 25.77sec) bt M Glöckner (Ger, 4.31.48). Amateur points race: Qualifiers for final: C Mathy (Bel); D Frost (Den); S McGlede (Aus); M Youshimatz (Mex); S Wingrave (GB); H Daimon (Japan); E Weispfenning (Ger); D Nelubine (USSR); J Pollak (US); G Lombardi (It); E Cent (Neth); W Pawlak (Pol); B Risi (Switz); J-B Petersen (Den); S Lillistone (GB); A Aranguren (Sp); A Walzer (Ger); A Gonchenkov (USSR), L Tesar (Cz); L van Bon (Neth); B Aitken (Aus); I Carioli (It); E Magnien (Fr); E Heynemans (Bel). British non-qualifier: S Wingrave. Women: Sprint: Semi-finals: I Haringa (Neth, 12.22sec, 12.28) bt F Ballanger (Fr), 2-0; A Neumann (Ger, 12.14, 12.20) bt C Paraskevin-Young (US), 2-0. Individual 3km pursuit: Quarter-finals: K Wercks (Bel, 3min 42.70sec) bt S Samokhvalova (USSR, 3:44.15); J Eickhoff (US, 3.39.15) bt B Erdin-Ganz (Switz, 3:43.48); P Rossner (Ger, 3.40.66) bt J Nelson (NZ, 3:42.13); M Clignet (Fr, 3.42.00) bt H Malmberg (Den, 3:45.04). British non-qualifier: S Dawes, 3:47.242.



Nuttall: sub-four minute mile at Croydon Arena

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Fourth stage (Arnhem to Tilburg, 187km): 1, G Veldscholten (Neth), 4hr 30min 34sec; 2, L de Koning (Neth), at 2sec; 3, L Colijn (Bel), same time. Overall leader: F Maassen (Neth), 12hr 15min 15sec.

FOOTBALL

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Falkirk 0, Aberdeen 1
SKOL CUP: First round: Berwick 0, Dumbarton 1, Cowdenbeath 5, Arbroath 1.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 1, France 5.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Schalke 1, Nuremberg 0; Düsseldorf 0, Bayern Munich 1; Hansa Rostock 5, Borussia Dortmund 1, Werder Bremen 1, Stuttgart 1; Stuttgarter Kickers 0, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Cologne 1, Kaiserslautern 1
SOVIET LEAGUE: CSKA 2, Pamir Dushanbe 1; Spartak Moscow 3, Metallist Kharkov 1.

GOLF

MONTROSE: British boys championship: Quarter-finals: R Walton (Calcot Park) bt I Pyman (Sand Moor), at 19th; R Tang (Mountain Lakes) bt K Nolan (Bray), 3 and 2; C Hanell (Swe) bt R Coughlan (Birr), 1 hole. F Valera (Sp) bt B Davis (East Herts), at 19th.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES

FENCING: Women: Team épée: 1, United States, 2, Cuba, 3, Mexico.
SWIMMING: Men: 100m freestyle: G Borges (Br), 49.48sec. 200m backstroke: R Romero (Br), 2min 01.07sec. Women: 400m freestyle: J Skinner (US), 4:13.69. 100m backstroke: S Poll (C Rica), 1:03.15. 4 x 100m freestyle relay: United States, 3:48.48

REAL TENNIS

HOBART: Tasmanian open championship (Australia unless stated): Semi-finals: M Happell bt J Snow (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; G Hyland bt F Filippelli, 6-3, 3-6, 6-5, 6-0

SWIMMING

FORT LAUDERDALE: United States championships (all US): Men: 200m freestyle: 1, D Gjertsen, 1min 49.68sec; 2, S Jaffe, 1:49.75. 400m individual medley: D Weatherford, 4:22.39. Women: 200m freestyle: D Torres, 2:01.66. 400m individual medley: S Taormina, 4:51.29.

YACHTING

LARGS: IYRU world youth championships: Mistral windsurfer: Boys: Ninth race: B Todd (Aus). Overall leader: C Ouvrard (Fr), 28.4pts. Girls: Ninth race: N Sturges (Aus). Overall leader: Sturges, 20.1.
PBA WINDSURFING WORLD TOUR: 24th round: Slalom (after two rounds): Men: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp); 2, N Baker (GB); 3, E Thieme (Fr). Women: 1, N Simon (Fr); 2, B Coquelle (Fr); 3, S Renart (Fr). British placing: 6, C Spreiter.
TORBAY: National Optimist championship: Fifth race: 1, B-J Edens (Neth); 2, J-W Harwijne (Neth); 3, C Draper (Weston). Juniors: 1, F Edens (Neth), 3, S Clark (Dabchicks).
DATCHETT: National 18ft championship: Second race (subject to protest): 1, M Kneale (Isle of Man); 2, T Crosbie (Royal Court); 3, D O'Connell (Monks Town Bay). Third race: 1, T Dwyer (Royal Court); 2, M Lane (Royal Court); 3, Crosbie.

RIFLE SHOOTING

OTTAWA: Canadian national championships: City of Ottawa Trophy (300 and 600 metres; after tie): 1, K Cunningham (Can), 99/25/5,5,5,5; 2, A Ringer (GB), 99/25/5,5,5,4; 3, J Langley (GB), 99/25/5,5,4,4; 4, P Madhurst (GB), 99/22. Letson Trophy (300 metres, 500 and 600 yards, after tie): 1, J Bloomfield (GB), 104/25/5,5,5; equal 2, J Bennett (GB) and C Bayne (Can), 104/25/5,5,4; 4, N Brasier (GB), 104/24. Alexander of Tunis Cup (900 metres; after tie): 1, D Landew (Athelings), 47/23; 2, N Suttill (Can), 47/22; 3, J Pugsley (GB), 47/20. President's Prize (300 metres, 500 and 600 yards): 1, J Hubert (Can), 150; 2, P Vamplew (Can), 149; 3, Brasier, 149. Viscount Wakefield cadet aggregate: 1, B Horwood (Victoria Jersey), 249; 2, Landew, 247; 3, T Clark (Epsom), 246. Grand Aggregate standings: 1, A Marion (Can), 629; 2, G Atkinson (GB), 627; 3, Ringer, 626; 4, Langley, 626

SQUASH RACKETS

HAMILTON: New Zealand open championships: Men: First round: C Payne (Eng) bt D McQueen (NZ), 9-6, 9-2, 9-0. Women: Second round: S Devoy (NZ) bt J Martin (Eng), 9-3, 9-1, 9-7; F Geaves (Eng) bt C Nitch (Eng), 9-7, 9-6, 9-4; S Wright (Eng) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 9-7, 9-7, 6-9, 9-2; L Irving (Aus) bt R Best (Ire), 9-7, 2-9, 9-4, 9-1; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt S Bradley (Aus), 9-4, 9-5, 9-5.

FIXTURES

BOWLS: Woolwich EBA national championships (Worthing)

FOOTBALL: Friendly match: Leeds United v Aldershot (7.45).

GOLF: NM English Open (The Belfry), Youth international: GB and Ireland v Europe (Dalmahoy). Boys' championships (Montrose); British girls' open (Whitchurch).

GLIDING: European women's championships (Coventry), national championships, open class (Church Enstone)

MOTOR SPORT: FIA International Formula 3000 championship (Brands Hatch)

POLO: National 16-goal championship (Cirencester Park), national 18-goal championship (Cheshire PC, Oulton)

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Solent); Optimist nationals (Torquay); world youth championships (Largs)

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SPORT

Scot concedes 'game, set and match' in team selection as James cards a 66 at The Belfry

Lyle surrenders Ryder hopes

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SANDY Lyle reluctantly resigned himself to being excluded from Europe's team for the Ryder Cup after struggling yesterday to a 77 in the first round of the NM English golf open on the Brabazon course at The Belfry.

It was another frustrating episode for Lyle as he slipped towards missing the halfway cut on the PGA European Tour for a third successive time, whereas Mark James, the defending champion, enhanced his claims with an excellent 66, six under par, for the lead.

"That's it," Lyle said. "Game, set and match, especially with Mark James playing so well. I might as well emigrate to the United States. I seem to play my best golf over there anyway."

Lyle, without a win for almost three years, might have deceived us all by finishing joint sixteenth in the US PGA championship last week. But Bernard Gallacher, the European captain, remains optimistic if cautious.

"There is no way a 77 rules Sandy out of anything," Gallacher said. "He played well in America last week and he still has seven rounds to prove he is worth a place, with the German Open next week. I want him to play in the Ryder Cup but I have to pick people who are playing well. I have an open mind and nobody has been written off. I have confidence in Sandy and I believe he can still win through."

If push comes to shove, I believe Gallacher will still side with Lyle. He will take into account the fact that Lyle has played more tournaments on the US Tour than any other European golfer and he is the winner of two Major championships. His experience would prove invaluable in a team which already has Colin Montgomerie, Steven Richardson and David Feherty making their debuts.

James would most certainly be home and dry if he were to win the first prize of £75,000, even though it would be insufficient to dislodge Sam Torrance from ninth place in the Johnnie Walker points list. He is a stoical competitor who fears no opponent.

Gallacher has played his cards close to his chest but he must finalise his team after the German Open next week. Gordon Brand Jr (76), José-Maria Cañizares (77), Howard Clark (77), Ken Brown (78) and Ronan Rafferty (79), all players with Ryder Cup experience, did little to suggest they will at the eleventh hour earn another chance.

James felt that it was not only the best he had played for a long time but that his golf on the outward half might just have been the finest he had ever produced. He started from the 10th, turned in 36 and played the next nine holes in 30.

"I don't know what it is about The Belfry but it seems to suit my game," he said. "I feel comfortable here and I hope my game is here to stay. I am thinking about the Ryder Cup and it matters a lot."

James holed six-foot putts on the 1st and 2nd greens. He missed one of a similar length at the next but coaxed the ball in from eight feet and six feet at the 5th and 6th respectively.

His best shot was a five-iron to three feet at the 7th for a two and he completed a wonderful nine holes with a wedge to one foot at the 9th.

Manuel Piñero, who will be at the Ryder Cup to assist Gallacher, has missed the halfway cut in each of his last six tournaments but he scored 68 to move alongside Constantino Rocca, of Italy, and Jesper Parnevik, of Sweden.

Per-Ulrik Johansson and Paul Broadhurst, tenth and eleventh in the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup points list, each took 69 to outscore Severiano Ballesteros (70), with whom they played. Both are aware that they could be picked by Gallacher, which is why they were paired with the Spaniard.

Ballesteros was supposed to be casting his eye over them to see how they reacted under pressure, although he was given little opportunity to do so as he was continually distracted by amateur photograhers.

"Over the years cameras have cost me quite a few shots and even golf tournaments," he said. Officials reacted by stating that stewards and marshalls are to be re-briefed.

Broadhurst, who won the European Pro-Celebrity tournament at Hoylake last week, felt he had passed the examination. "To shoot a good score playing with the world's best player is pleasing," he said.

His only serious error was to drive into the water at the 4th, where he took six. But he made no mistake at the 18th, where he hit a five-iron from 185 yards out, over the water to ten feet for one of five birdies.

IAN STEWART

More strength to his arm: James, thinking hard about the Ryder Cup, on his way to a first-round lead

LEADING SCORES

FIRST ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated): 66: M James. 68: C Rocca (It), J Parnevik (Swe), M Piñero (Sp). 69: P-U Johansson (Swe), P Broadhurst, P Price, R Chapman. 70: G Levenson (SA), B Marchbank, D Gilford, S Ballesteros (Sp), S Bowman (US). 71: B Lane, R Drummond, S Richardson, G Ralph, S Bennett, P Way, W Longmuir, B Barnes, B Davis (Aus), D Llewellyn, O Sellberg (Swe).

72: M Martin (Sp), S Torrance, K Trimble (Aus), P Smith, M Clayton (Aus), C Montgomerie, H Baiocchi (SA), S Field, P Elson, A Garrido (Sp), J Rutledge (Can), F Lindgren (Swe) 73: P Hall, E Dussart (Fr), *J Payne, J Pinsent, A Hunter, S Hamill, P Baker, P Fowler (Aus), D Williams, G Turner (NZ), G Day (US), G Joyner (Aus), G Cali (It), A Charnley, J Hawksworth, G Stafford, A Binaghi (It), L Tinkler (Aus).

74: R Winchester, C Parry (Aus), K Waters, *R Willison, C Cookson (US), J Bennett, S Stephen, D A Russell, D Clarke, J Spence, J Quirós (Sp), *G Evans, I Mosey, D Cooper, D Jones, J Hobday. 75: L Vannet, R Lee, M Davis, E Darcy, M Persson (Swe), S Bottomley, P O'Malley (Aus), A Sherborne, P Mitchell, J van de Velde (Fr), C van der Velde (Neth), W Riley (Aus), *A Coltart, T Restall, V Singh (Fiji), C O'Connor Jr, R Karlsson (Swe).

* denotes amateur

Kelly defends the Premier League plan

By LOUISE TAYLOR

GRAHAM Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, will meet Graham Taylor next week in order to clarify the "confusion" created by the England manager's assertion that the FA's blueprint for a Premier League was based on "greed".

Defending the Premier League concept at a football writers' lunch in London yesterday, Kelly said: "Graham Taylor has created some confusion, however the reality is that a smaller Premier League with fewer fixtures has got to be beneficial to the England manager."

Kelly has not yet discussed Taylor's comments, made in the aftermath of the FA's legal victory over the League at the start of this month, but expects to discuss the matter next week at Lancaster Gate. Refusing to be drawn on whether he will demand that Taylor "toes the FA line in future", Kelly said: "All the England players I have spoken to on trips say they are absolutely knackered — a Premier League reduced to 20 and then 18 clubs would limit both the tiredness and injuries."

Kelly, once a League official, said: "I deplore the fact that the League commenced litigation [at the start of this month the High Court ruled that the FA had the power to create its own Premier League in the 1992-3 season]. Everyone agrees that the Premier League is a reality.

"There are compelling reasons for the League to come to the FA and operate under our umbrella. I would like to have them sitting down around a table with us and discussing the future of the game. This would be a real step towards unity. There is no reason why both the Premier League and the Football League cannot happily co-exist side by side and the FA will be properly defined as the single body running football.

"This is an opportunity that probably will not come again, and it is important that we seize the initiative and go forward. I hope the League agree."

Kelly's vision of "unification" embraces commercial activities, televison rights, marketing, coaching, refereeing, disciplinary procedures, and improved facilities for spectators and the media.

He emphasised that the Premier League was "not a stepping stone to a European super league", that there would continue to be promotion and relegation between all divisions, and that the lower divisions would receive a healthy share of the financial cake.

"These are momentous times in the history of football," he added. "It truly stands at the crossroads. The facile fudges and convenient compromises of recent years have been found wanting, but the rewards will be great if we are less selfish and embrace dramatic change."

Thought provoking: Kelly at the lunch yesterday

League unsure on whether to appeal

By PETER BALL

THE attempt to solve the Football League's constitutional crisis before the new season starts was in grave danger of foundering when the League's management committee met in Newcastle last night as the first division clubs prepared to hand in their notices of resignation.

The meeting had been adjourned on Monday after failing to reach an agreement in a seven-hour session. Last night the balance tilted as only three first division representatives arrived.

The resignations leave the management committee without a quorum, and hence unable to decide on whether to appeal against the High Court ruling over the Premier League.

There was no sign of a way out of the impasse at the start of last night's meeting, with the first division arguing that the management committee's loss of quorum should be referred to a general meeting rather than any approach to the Court to appoint an administrator.

Attitudes have reportedly hardened since the Associate Members' aggressive statement at their meeting on Tuesday.

This has exposed a serious division among second division clubs, with their official representatives on the management committee taking a strong line, while a separate committee elected to negotiate with the first division has been taking a more conciliatory approach.

Clearly the first division is eager to reach agreement with the second division's negotiators rather than the management committee, and its representatives were mandated last night to call for the negotiations to proceed forthwith.

Solving the management committee problems is a trickier problem. One suggestion, that the management committee could devolve its functions on to a sub-committee, which the first division members could then be co-opted on to, was still being discussed last night, but it was foundering on the corollary that a quorum on that sub-committee should be reduced from five to three, which would enable the second division and associate members to vote for an appeal.

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Evans wings in to captain Wales

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HAVING called up Robert Norster and Alan Davies a fortnight ago as a short-term management team, the Welsh Rugby Union offered another surprise yesterday when it announcement that Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli wing and darkest of horses for the job, would captain Wales against France on September 4 and, by inference, in the World Cup in October.

In fact, Evans, a British Lion in 1989 and holder of 23 caps, can expect to outlast Norster and Davies by a distance since Davies, the Nottingham coach, has emphasised that he will not be persuaded to continue once the World Cup is over.

Evans, aged 27 and the first wing to lead Wales since Gerald Davies, in 1978, described his elevation as "the greatest honour a man can achieve in sport". He has sidestepped ahead of Robert Jones, the Swansea scrum half, and Phil Davies, the Llanelli No. 8, on the strength of his experience and acknowledged playing skills, rather than the handful of games in which he led Llanelli, last season, when vice-captain.

It needs no great deductive powers, though, to realise that Evans will lean on Jones and Davies heavily, both for their experience and their positions at the fulcrum of the side. Evans referred to his place on the wing when he said: "It can be an advantage not to be involved in the heat of things. There has to be a pattern of play, the chance to see what the opposition are doing and combat it with your own plans."

Wales will not suffer by having a captain who is not remembered — as Jones and, to a more limited extent, Davies are — for their association with unsuccessful Welsh XVs. There is an ironic parallel with England here: in 1987, Mike Harrison, the Yorkshire wing, was a surprising choice to lead his country against Scotland and subsequently in the inaugural World Cup.

Evans is part of a revised squad of 26, from which the team to play France at the Arms Park will be chosen on August 30. But there is little chance of big changes to the Welsh World Cup squad, which must be confirmed by September 15.

The party includes two players who were not named in the squad of 48 announced earlier this month for training purposes: Mike Rayer, the Cardiff full back who toured Namibia last year, and Laurance Delaney, the experienced Llanelli prop, whose contribution to his club's victory in last season's Welsh Cup final was praised by Norster.

The 19 survivors from the Welsh tour party that limped back from Australia do not include Kevin Phillips and Gareth Llewellyn, respectively the Neath hooker and lock, who were involved in the slanging match which disfigured the post-match function in Brisbane after Wales had lost 63-6 to Australia.

Indeed, Neath, who until July seldom contributed fewer than seven players to the national side under Ron Waldron, have only four players in the squad.

Wales party

v France, September 4

BACKS: A Clement (Swansea), M Rayer (Cardiff), I Evans (Llanelli), A Emyr (Swansea), S Ford (Cardiff), M Ring (Cardiff), S Gibbs (Neath), M Hall (Cardiff), D Evans (Cardiff), A Davies (Neath), R Jones (Swansea), A Booth (Cardiff) Forwards: M Griffiths (Cardiff), M Davis (Newport), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), L Delaney (Llanelli), K Waters (Newbridge), G Jenkins (Pontypool), K Moseley (Newport), P Arnold (Swansea), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), P Davies (Llanelli), E Lewis (Llanelli), R Collins (Cardiff), R Webster (Swansea), M Morris (Neath).

Ieuan Evans: dark horse

Waqar lays down challenge

By SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL: Surrey beat Northamptonshire by seven runs

HAMPSHIRE, whose batting has carried all before them in this season's NatWest Trophy, had better beware in the final on September 7. If they are going to win the trophy for the first time, they must deal with Waqar Younis, Surrey's devastating fast bowler, who yesterday took the man-of-the-match award after effectively consigning Northamptonshire's season to disappointment with his first, demonic ball of the morning.

It was the prospect of Waqar, who had already claimed four wickets, returning for his final two overs that had persuaded Allan Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, to accept an offer of bad light on Wednesday evening, with his side, on 187 for eight, needing a further 22 runs from six overs. Lamb no doubt thought he was protecting Curran, who was well set on 38 and on whom his side's hopes squarely rested.

However, the morning after was very much like the night before for Northamptonshire. After only the briefest warm-up yesterday, Waqar charged in to unleash so fierce an opening delivery that the ball turned the face of Curran's broad bat and flew low to second slip, where Lynch, reacting well, took it low to his right. It must be doubtful if Lynch would have seen it early enough had this happened in Wednesday's dusk.

Nothing then seemed more likely than that Waqar would finish off the Northamptonshire innings before the over was out, particularly when Paul Taylor, the last man, who had sustained a strain the previous day, came to the wicket with a runner. Despite vocal support from a good-sized crowd, though, Waqar was unable to dismiss either Taylor or Walker.

Taylor, whose tell-tale batting credentials are that he succeeded Mark Robinson as Northamptonshire's No. 11, batted commendably. He played out a maiden over from Waqar, who, bowling at two left-handers, seemed unable to make up his mind whether to bowl over or round the wicket.

Waqar's departure, with figures of five for 40 from his 12 overs, left Northamptonshire needing 15 runs from the last three overs and Surrey must have begun to fear that they might yet be beaten by two rabbits. Murphy's penultimate over cost two runs, one over from Robinson four runs. Nine were wanted from Murphy's final over.

In such a situation, Surrey's best hope was always going to lie with a run-out. Sure enough, after Walker had taken a single off the first ball, Taylor pushed the second through mid-off, only for Martin Bicknell to swoop round from cover. Throwing to the wicket furthest from him, Bicknell picked off the middle stump. While Walker bounced his bat in disgust, Surrey, who had looked out of the game at 124 for seven on Wednesday, began a Bacchic dance.

Surrey's final will be their first at Lord's under Ian Greig, who is in his last season as captain. On yesterday's evidence, Hampshire's best chance of stopping them may be to pack their side with left-handers.

☐ Chris Smith has told Hampshire he will definitely be unavailable for the NatWest Trophy final. He is to take up a marketing post in Western Australia and cannot be released.

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SCOREBOARD FROM THE OVAL

SURREY 208 for 9 (60 overs: M P Bicknell 66 not out)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham b Boiling	29
W Larkins c Thorpe b Boiling	31
R J Bailey c Stewart b Waqar	5
*A J Lamb c Boiling b M P Bicknell	24
D J Capel lbw b Waqar	6
K M Curran c Lynch b Waqar	38
E A E Baptiste b Waqar	34
R G Williams b Waqar	1
†D Ripley b M P Bicknell	3
A Walker run out	11
J P Taylor not out	3
Extras (lb 6, w 9, nb 1)	16
Total (59.2 overs)	201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-73, 3-78, 4-81, 5-113, 6-164, 7-166, 8-174, 9-187

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 12-2-40-5; M P Bicknell 12-0-45-2; Murphy 9.2-0-45-0; Robinson 4-1-15-0; Boiling 12-2-22-2, Lynch 10-1-29-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris

Olympic goals firmly fixed in a land of change

From DAVID MILLER
IN HONG KONG

COMMENT

HONG Kong, though producing medal winners in recent Commonwealth and Asian Games and several world championships, has never won an Olympic medal. It may do so in Barcelona next year. The unspoken goal, of course, would be to do so under their own flag in 2000 in Peking, were mainland China to be granted those Games.

No one quite knows, least of all the British who negotiated the deal, how the SAR treaty — or Special Autonomous Region — is going to work after the 1997 handover. As far as the Hong Kong Association of Sports Federations and Olympic Committee is concerned, it will be business as usual. They will probably have to call themselves "Chinese Hong Kong", but have a guarantee from the International Olympic Committee that their membership sovereignty will be upheld in what is to become a new province of the People's Republic. Continuation of a programme of expansion continues.

With a £23 million gift from the prosperous Jockey Club, the impressive Kowloon Park swimming and indoor sports complex was opened in 1989, capable of handling 10,000 leisure swimmers in a day and converting, when necessary, to competitive mode. With a further £65 million Jockey Club gift, a 40,000-seat main stadium is planned. The Colosseum, opened in 1986, seating 12,000 for boxing, basketball or volleyball, is as fine as any venue in the Olympic movement.

Those who might create history in Barcelona are the Commonwealth champion badminton mixed doubles pair, Chan Chi-choi and Chan Yim-chi (not brother and sister); the world table tennis women's doubles bronze medal winners, Chan Tan-lui and Chai Po-wa; and, in yachting, the Asian windsurfing gold medal winner, Lee Lai-shan.

Cycling, shooting and diving are also likely to be strongly represented in one of the biggest teams sent from a population of six million. The Seoul team was 20, then 50 for Auckland and 80 last year in Peking.

However, Sonny de Sales, president of the Olympic Committee, is demanding the strictest regulations to ensure that Hong Kong sends only its best performers. "There have been many occasions when we sent people to the Olympic or Asian Games and they were not fit," de Sales said yesterday. "We don't want to send passengers. Our team is not going on holiday."

Such an attitude is paramount to the restraint of the growth of the Games; if applied by every National Olympic Committee, the present crisis of gigantism would be much reduced. Many competitors appear at the Games, especially from lesser nations, out of national as much as individual vanity. Hong Kong will be represented in no team sport because it is below senior international standard.

De Sales, who is chairman of the Commonwealth Games Federation, was on the consultative committee advising those who drafted the legal aspects of the 1997 reversion to mainland China. In theory, China accepts Hong Kong's separate situation for art, religion, trade and sport. How far theory will survive reality remains to be seen.

In principle, Hong Kong will continue to select its sports representatives, within the existing boundaries of the New Territories, from all those born here, whether Chinese (95 per cent), Portuguese, British or Spanish.

Permanent residents from Britain, mostly older, will in theory continue to be eligible, often being contenders in such sports as shooting and bowls.

The pity is that more recognition has not been given to de Sales, of Portuguese/French lineage, by either the IOC, with election as a member, or by Britain, for a lifetime's selfless work for many facets of the community and especially for sport in the best traditions of administration, with conventional honours.

De Sales was one of the group of nine NOC presidents who, under the leadership of Onesti, of Italy, 20 years ago, incurred the wrath of Avery Brundage, then IOC president, by forming the Association of National Olympic Committees. Brundage regarded NOCs as merely the suppliers of cannon fodder, the competitors.

One of a handful who have diligently preserved the dignity and honesty of sport, de Sales sacrificed approval at Westminster when he attempted, like Denis Follows, to break the Western boycott of Moscow. The Hong Kong government, hand in glove with the Governor, Lord McLehose — Mac the Sock behind his back — intimidated the sports associations into not nominating competitors.

De Sales was a founder member of the Olympic Committee, which celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year, and he has strongly supported the function of the Academy at Olympia, together with the training of administrators. Hong Kong spends £75,000 a year on sports education. "The standard of sport in the Third World cannot improve unless administrators are trained and qualified," de Sales says. "Without them, any achievement will be a flash in the pan."

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